



For Learning That Lasts A Lifetime

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we want to encourage you to register them.

Children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 get free school meals anyway through a different scheme. But if they are eligible for free school meals, we still really want you to register – see why below.

Why register for free school meals?

Children who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them if you prefer them to have packed lunches. But registering them is still important because for every child registered for free school meals, the school gets extra 'pupil premium' funding. Every child registered for free school meals makes a big difference to the school.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

If you receive these benefits, your child may be eligible:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less.

How do I register?

You can apply online through the Kent County Council website using the following link: [Free school meals - Kent County Council](#)

Your eligibility will be checked and your application processed straight away. If your application is successful the school will be notified and your child should start receiving their free school meal within 24 hours. We may ask for proof of benefit after you apply.

More information

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

You can also find more information at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Ward', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Craig Ward
Headteacher