

Bulphan Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Pupil Premium and free school meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Bulphan C of E Academy, we get an extra £1,345 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400

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Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

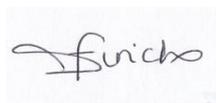
Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

Parents can apply on-line now at <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals> Simply login to My Account services and select "Education and Childcare", "Free School Meals" and then "Apply online". An account can then be created using a valid personal e-mail address.

If you have no access to the internet you can visit the Thurrock Council area offices, the local library or the school office where we can help you make your application.

Yours sincerely,



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