



Dear Parent/Carer

There are many things to think about in preparation for your child starting a new school and what they are going to eat when they're at school is likely to be one of them.

If your child is eligible for free school meals it means they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the bills and the fuss of making packed lunches. Many children at our school are already eating free school meals, and your child may be able to have them too.

There is nothing healthier for your child and your family's budget than free school meals. As professional cooks prepare the meals for your child, it saves you having to worry about the effort and expense of making packed lunches every day.

Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

#### **Savings for your family**

If you were planning to pay for your child to have school meals or are already doing so, you could **save around £350 per year** if your child qualifies for free school meals.

#### **Our school will receive extra funding**

For every child registered for a free school meal, the school will receive money to spend on extra resources. It's called the Pupil Premium and is worth £900 per pupil in 2013-14.

#### **To make sure your child doesn't miss out, contact:**

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Yours sincerely,

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