

Pupil Premium Funding and Free School Meals

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the pandemic has impacted us all during the last 18 months in lots of different ways. Therefore, it is especially important that if your circumstances change or you are already in receipt of the benefits listed below, you complete an application for free school meals and pupil premium (PP) funding. This is essential because our school are then entitled to and can claim additional PP funding to pay for staffing to provide, for example, supportive educational interventions in school (including PSA and TIS support) as well as pay for Pupil Premium children's school trips, workshops, visiting speakers, special activities, sporting activities (e.g. swimming) and resources so that they do not miss out on these important educational opportunities.

Applying is simple, using your National Insurance Number. You can either apply online at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals> or you can ask our school secretary for a paper application and apply by post. If you need support to complete the application, our secretary will be more than happy to help and complete it with you. Please note that if your application is successful, your child's/children's entitlement will continue until the end of their school life or until you cease to be eligible – whichever is first. Also, there is no longer a need for claims to be renewed annually. To apply, the list of benefits that you need to be in receipt of include:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed:

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance
- However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Having read this letter, if you think that you are entitled to free school meals and pupil premium funding (and are currently in receipt of one or more of the benefits), we would encourage you to complete the application please. It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss S. Kennedy (Head of School)
Miss S. Hosking (Pupil Premium Lead)

