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## FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

### What is Pupil Premium?

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families to do their best. This is a Government initiative called 'Pupil Premium'. This is paid to schools in addition to main school funding and is the Government's way to address possible inequalities between children's attainment.

### My child will get a universal free meal because they are in infant classes (R, 1 and 2), why do I still need to apply?

Although all children in infant classes (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will receive a universal free meal, it is still important that you apply if you might be eligible. This is because, if your child is eligible, the school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium. The school will receive £1,320 per pupil which is used to support the education of all pupils from low-income families as needed, to ensure that they get the same chances as other children. We will use this extra money towards various individual or group intervention strategies to support your child's attainment and progress.

### Who is eligible?

The school is given additional funding for children who meet any of the following criteria:

- Have a parent serving in the armed forces.
- Are currently entitled to **free school meals**.
- Have been entitled to free school meals within the last 6 years.
- Are 'looked after'.
- Are covered by a 'Guardianship order'.
- Are covered by a 'Residency order'.
- Have been adopted from care.



## Eligibility for Free School Meals

You are eligible to apply for **free school meals** if you are in receipt of any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income as assessed by the Inland Revenue, which does not exceed £16,190
- Income-based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

## How do I apply?

1. First check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the below criteria.
2. Registering is quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact the school office, who can help you register (using the attached form which you can return to the office).
3. You are also able to apply online, or download an application form and the details of where to send it by following the appropriate links on the Government Website – for more information and to apply online please follow this link: [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

Registration is confidential and will not affect benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us about registering your child as soon as possible.

The information you provide in the form will be used by the council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

The information will also be used in relation to children in Year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals. You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school.



### How do the school use the money?

The school can use the money as it decides (it is not assigned to individual children) but we use the money to support all Pupil Premium children. Each year, we publish a Pupil Premium strategy on our website and evaluate it at the end of each academic year to show how the grant is spent and what impact it has had. We are also accountable to Ofsted for the use of our Pupil Premium money.

### Cheselbourne Village School Free School Meals Allowance

At Cheselbourne we offer parents of children that are in receipt of **Free School Meals** an annual of allowance for certain items that can be used for school based activities. It can be used for:

- school uniform
- contribution to trips
- contribution to Hooke Court
- contribution to music lessons
- after school clubs

Information about the specific amounts of allowance contributed towards each item is reviewed each year. The school and parents will keep a record of money spent and any uniform bought by parents must include a receipt to be reimbursed.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

We need information about you and your child, so that we can provide them with the best education and support by making sure that our school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled. *Please complete this form (or online - [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)) and return to the school office as soon as possible.*

### ABOUT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Child's Date of Birth		
		DD	MM	YYYY
		DD	MM	YYYY
		DD	MM	YYYY
		DD	MM	YYYY

### PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

	Parent/Guardian 1	Parent/Guardian 2
Last name		
First Name		
Date of Birth	DD MM YYYY	DD MM YYYY
National Insurance Number*		
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number*	/ /	/ /
Daytime Telephone Number		
Mobile Number		
Address		
	Postcode:	Postcode:

\* Complete as appropriate

***Please turn over***



### FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFIT DETAILS

Is your joint family income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box).

Yes  No

If you have ticked yes, you do not need to complete the next section and can go straight to the declaration at the end of the form.

If you ticked no, please place an X in this box if you<sup>1</sup> are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

Please place an X in this box if you are not sure whether your joint family income is over £16,190, or whether you are in receipt of one of the benefits listed above, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals:

### DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian: .....

Date:.....

<sup>1</sup> This includes those who have parental rights for the child/children named on this form.