

My child gets a free school meal anyway, why do I still need to apply?

Although all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will receive a free lunch meal, it is still important that you apply if you think you might be eligible. This is because, if your child is eligible, the school will receive additional funding called **Pupil Premium** which will be used to support your child's learning.



The school will receive £1,455 (2023-24) per pupil which is

used to support the education of all pupils, including those from low-income families as needed, to ensure that they get the same chances as other children.

This can add up a lot of additional funding to a school and can be used to really help children to achieve well as they grow older.

APPLY NOW

The easiest way is to apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/wimborneacademytrust>

- You will need your National Insurance number or Asylum Seekers Service number to hand.
- You will find out straight away if you are eligible.

If you need any help in completing the form, please contact the school office on 01202 822737 and we can assist or complete the form on your behalf.



ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS



'Where **children** are at the heart of **everything** we do'

Did you know that your financial circumstances may entitle your child to a number of additional support options in school?

If you are in receipt of any of these benefits, your child may be one of our Pupil Premium children:-

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190



Are you entitled?

Please apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are now entitled to receive a free lunch. However, parents of children in receipt of any of the benefits listed are still **strongly encouraged** to apply for free school meals because it enables the school to access additional funding which is used to provide additional support to improve access to learning.

At Hillside First School your child **would** be entitled to the following:

- Free school uniform. T&C apply
- Free milk
- Support with school trips
- Additional small group learning support in classrooms if appropriate

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2010
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces