

## Where to go for more information

### Contact the school

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to a member of the office team or email

[erickson.p@goldfinchprimary.org.uk](mailto:erickson.p@goldfinchprimary.org.uk)

### External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as how to apply.

Apply for free school meals, GOV.UK

<http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Pupil Premium funding and accountability for schools

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings>

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## Information for Families



## Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

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## Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- 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 State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are 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 with an annual income of no more the £7400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

## 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 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

## How is the pupil premium funding used?

- The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use their funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible
- You will find more information on how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

## How can I ensure that school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean that your child has to take up the free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal free school meals
- You would rather your child had different meal, such as a packed lunch

## How to register for free school meals

**Application forms are available from the school office.**

**Please speak to Pepa Erickson should you require any further support or advice.**

