



Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium



Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

What you may not know however is that the Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered Orchards C of E Academy will receive a maximum of **£1320 per year, per child**. If you are successful, not only will it mean your child will receive a free school meal but we have an income stream that could, for example, increase the number of teaching assistants employed with the aim of providing more interventions to accelerate your child's academic progress in English and Maths as well as interventions to develop self-confidence and social skills.

If you register for Free School Meals (even if your child does not want a school meal) it means that school will receive the extra funding. All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income (Universal Infant Free School Meals), but if you are on one of the benefits shown below then we would ask you to complete the attached form as school will receive the extra funding and we can help in other areas as mentioned above.

### Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income of less than £16190
- Universal Credit (net income of £7,400)

Please return the attached form to the school office ASAP.

**Your child will receive 5 dojo points for returning this form.**



**No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.**

If you have any questions or queries please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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