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## **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

Dear Parents and Carers,

If your child is eligible for free school meals and you register them, our school will receive additional funding known as pupil premium. This extra funding is used to enhance educational provision and resources.

### **What is pupil premium funding?**

Pupil premium funding, provided by the government, is intended to help all students achieve their full potential, regardless of their background or financial circumstances. It is allocated for students who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are or have been in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

The school receives additional funding for each eligible pupil registered for free school meals. This funding can significantly impact the quality of education we offer.

### **Is my child eligible for free school meals?**

Your child may be eligible if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided your annual gross income is no more than £16,190 and you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400)
- Your child may also be eligible if your household has no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This applies to certain groups such as Zambrano and Chen carers, British National (Overseas) passport holders, and others listed in our guidelines.

### **Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)**

Children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under the UIFSM scheme. Please note that this differs from free school meals linked to pupil premium funding.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 and eligible for free school meals under our criteria, please register them so that we can receive the additional pupil premium funding.

### **Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No, it is not mandatory for pupils registered for free school meals to consume them. If your child prefers packed lunches, please still register, as the school will benefit from the funding, which can support your child in various ways.

## How do I register?

You only need to register once with the school. For registration, please visit Norfolk County Council's website (<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38166>) or contact the Free School Meal Team at 01603 222518 or email [admissions@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@norfolk.gov.uk) for further assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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