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## Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy

# Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



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**Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:**

- Income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- 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 you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 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 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 in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care



# Pupil Premium

## **How is the pupil premium funding used?**

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

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

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

You should still register for free school meals even if you would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch.

## **Where to go for more information**

### **Contact the school**

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to Mrs L Field (01283 749450)

### **External sources**

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

### **Apply for free school meals**

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link.

### **Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium>



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