

St. Joseph's

Catholic Primary School



10th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Are you and your child missing out on government funding?

The government currently provides Infant Free School Meals to children in government funded schools in England who are in:

- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 2

However, your child may also be eligible for Income Related Free School Meals. St Joseph's receives additional funding for children who are eligible for Income Related Free School Meals and this funding is used to provide a wealth of benefits to such eligible children and families.

As a school we use the funding associated with Income Related Free School Meals (Pupil Premium Funding, Catch Up Funding, Winter Holiday Grant, Holiday Activity Fund) to provide services for eligible children such as:

- Allocation of free school uniform
- Clarks shoe vouchers
- Free breakfast club provision
- Holiday outings
- Holiday clubs
- Food parcels
- Subsidised extra-curricular clubs
- Fully funded educational visits
- 50% funded residential visits
- Hardship fund to support families in crisis

The list is not exhaustive and the full [Pupil Premium Report](#) can be found on the school website.

During the COVID-19 pandemic and periods of school closure schools were allocated Department for Education devices and Catch Up Funding based on the number of children eligible for Pupil Premium and Income Related Free School Meals.

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Your child may be eligible for Income Related Free School Meals and the associated benefits if you are in receipt of 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)

If your child is eligible for Income Related Free School Meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of school they are in on 31 March 2022.

If you think that your child might be eligible please apply via [CWAC Free School Meals](#) or by phoning 0300 123 7021.

Should you need any support in making an application do not hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Butterfield, Mrs Doherty or Mrs Do.

Kind regards,

Martine Gum
Headteacher