

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are contacting you to make you aware of pupil premium funding and free school meals in school and provide you with some information which you may find helpful.

Some children are eligible for 'free school meals' this entitlement differs from the Universal Infant Free School Meals applied to all children in Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2. By registering them for this, the school will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. This extra money is used to improve the educational provision and resources for your child. Some children who prefer packed lunches, have still registered for Free School Meals, and the school receives the additional Pupil Premium funding which is used to enhance the quality of education at school.

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for pupils who are registered for free school meals or who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years, or who are, or have been, in care or have parents in the armed forces.

At St Joseph's, we receive £1320 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer. For example, we have previously used Pupil Premium funding for additional education provision and resources, interventions and wellbeing interventions and extra-curricular activities. A full Pupil Premium report and breakdown can be found on our school website.

Your child might be eligible for Free School Meals if you access and 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 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

If you think you may be eligible please follow the link below to register:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/free-school-meals>

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please come and see me and I will happily support you in any way I can.

Yours sincerely, Miss Louise Milivojevic (Head Teacher)

