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### Pupil Premium

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you help the school to access additional funds to support your child's education?

You may know that the government award 'Pupil Premium', funding to schools based on the numbers of students on roll who are eligible for free school meals. **£1385 is currently allocated to each pupil premium child.**

For us as a school, it is crucial that we access any additional funding to supplement our budget for the benefit of our pupils who are entitled to pupil premium funding. This funding supports additional staffing, interventions, educational resources and educational visits.

For this reason, we would ask that you look at the criteria below and see whether you are **currently eligible for free school meals**. If you are but you have not yet accessed the service, successfully completing the application process will immediately entitle your child to a healthy, hot meal every day.

**Even if your child is currently receiving the Universal Infant Free School Meal you are still entitled to apply for pupil premium if you fulfil any of the criteria below.**

### Who is Eligible For Free School Meals?

Free school meals are a statutory benefit. This means that if you qualify you have a legal right to free school meals for your child or children.



You are eligible for free school meals if your children are registered at a Sheffield school, the parent or carer receives child benefit for the children and the parent or carer receives one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income related Employment Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If you would like further information, please search 'free school meals' at [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk)

### Apply for free school meals

You can apply by completing an online application or by asking the school to apply on your behalf.

### Automatic Award for Free School Meals - August and September 2022

- Sheffield City Council have been looking at the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support information that we already hold and found that a significant number of households may meet the criteria for free school meals, but have not yet made an application.
- We want to increase the Pupil Premium funding for all academies and locally maintained schools in Sheffield, so we will be using Housing Benefit data that we already have to automatically award free school meals during August and September.
- Those families who appear to qualify for free school meals, but haven't applied yet, are currently being contacted by letter to explain how the automatic award works.
- Please see additional information by clicking on the following link

[Free School Meals Information Sheet](#)

Thanks,  
J. Eagleton

