



## **Free School Meals/Pupil Premium**

In addition to the Universal Free School Meals initiative, the Government operates a free school meal system to support children from lower income families. Pupil Premium is a funding scheme which allows schools to access additional funding linked to the number of children claiming free school meals (FSM). Please see the qualifying criteria below.

It is, therefore, vital that parents who qualify for FSM apply even if they do not wish to take up the offer of a free school meal.

## **Qualifying Criteria for FSM**

- Income Support
- Employment & Support Allowance – Income related
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (NOT Contribution Based JSA)
- Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190 per annum as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) **Please note, anyone receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of income, will NOT qualify for FSMs.**
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit

## **How do I apply?**

You can register and find out if your child is eligible by visiting the website portal via this link:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>

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