

# Royal Cross Primary School

Lancashire's school for deaf children

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS and PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Who can get free school meals?

All pupils in reception, year one or year two in primary schools are entitled to 'universal' free school meals.

This is not the same as '**Free School Meals**' (FSM). For pupils that are eligible for FSM receive school receives additional funding called 'Pupil Premium.' If you apply and are eligible even if at some point your circumstances change and you are no longer eligible for the actual FSM – School will continue to receive the Pupil Premium funding for six years whilst your child is at Royal Cross.

However, you will not automatically get the additional financial support, you must register & apply.

At Royal Cross this additional funding is used in a variety of ways:

- Providing additional academic support for FSM children who need to boost progress or be challenged further
- Providing financial support towards additional costs of education such as visits & residential trips
- Providing financial support towards uniform and equipment
- Providing additional Educational resources
- Providing transport for families into school for events & meetings
- Providing interpreters in first language for school meetings

You may be eligible for free school meals if you get:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR)
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance (IB-JSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' - the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit / Universal Credit

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## Who can register for pupil premium?

If you receive one of the above benefits that entitle your child to FSM, you can register your eligibility with the council so that the school can benefit from additional funding (Pupil Premium).

It is worth over £1000 per pupil for the school.

## How to claim

### **In reception, year one or year two:**

If your child is in or starting reception, year one or year two they will receive the universal free school meals which you don't have to apply for. However, if you think you are eligible for 'Free School Meals' (FSM) then it is important that you apply – so that you don't miss out on the Pupil Premium funding for your child. **If you get any of the above benefits, please register your child so the school can benefit from pupil premium.**

Your child's 'Universal' free school meals will stop at the end of year two, unless you receive the above qualifying benefits and you have already registered. This means you will have to start paying for school meals.

If you believe your child may qualify for this support in school, there is an application form with this letter & available from the school office. You don't have to declare anything complicated or give details of your earnings and the form can be sent direct to the Local Authority who will assess your eligibility for you.

If you have any questions about Pupil Premium, or would like more information on how to apply, please contact the school office. There are additional details of how this money is spent at Royal Cross on the school web site.

Your support in this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you  
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