



# Our Lady Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



**Did you know that your child could qualify  
for free school meals and free milk?**

**Did you know that all school trips and after  
school clubs could be paid for?**

**Did you know that we could help to pay for  
school uniform?**

We are writing to you to highlight a really important part of the funding available for your child's education – the Pupil Premium. All pupils of parents receiving certain benefits are entitled to this extra funding. It aims to help pupils from low income families get the best start in life.

The Pupil Premium makes a **really important difference** to schools and the eligible pupils! The money, around £1300 per child, goes **directly to the school**. As well as having a free lunch and free milk every day, the additional funding pays for resources, such as **school trips, after school clubs**, or **additional teachers and assistants** to provide extra support and 1 to 1 tutoring.

**All children eligible for free school meals are entitled to the Pupil Premium.** Research shows that having a healthy lunch relates to pupils doing better at school, so we are keen for eligible pupils to take advantage of both.

If your child is eligible, it means they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the bills and fuss of making packed lunches. Many children at Our Lady Catholic Primary School are already enjoying free school meals, and **your child may be entitled to have them too!**

## **Is your child eligible for free school meals/the Pupil Premium?**

Your child could get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- ✓ **Income Support**
- ✓ **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- ✓ **Income-related Employment and 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're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- ✓ **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- ✓ **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

**We actively encourage all families entitled to free school meals to make a claim.** No-one else will know that your child qualifies for free school meals, as we use a cashless system that means that payment is discreet. Your child's dinner money account will be paid automatically each week with the funding.

Alternatively, if you would like to apply for free school meals for your child, you can check your eligibility and apply directly via Hertfordshire County Council by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

The application takes **5 minutes** and in most cases you will receive an immediate response regarding the success of your application, and the school will be directly notified of your child's eligibility.

We are asking all parents to complete the slip below and return to the school office by **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** so that we can register the details provided and access the grant for your child.

If you would like any support in filling the form out, we would be more than happy to help you. Please just come along to the school office and a member of the team can provide any assistance that is required.

We hope you have found this information helpful.

Yours faithfully



Richard Curry



Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I am or my partner is in receipt of the following benefits: (please tick)

Income Support ☐

Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance ☐

Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element) ☐

(Income Related) Employment Support Allowance ☐

Child Tax Credit with income below £16,190 ☐

Name and Date of Birth of person receiving the benefit:

\_\_\_\_\_

National Insurance Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

OR

Asylum Seekers Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for Our Lady School to register my details ☐

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the school office.**



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