

Pupil Premium : Are you Missing Out?

Did you know that your financial circumstances may entitle your child to a number of additional support options in school?



If you are in receipt of any of these benefits, your child may be one of our Pupil Premium children:-

- Income Support (IS) or
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income (as assessed by The Inland Revenue) which from 6 April 2011 does not exceed £16,190
- Income-Based Job Seekers' Allowance (IB JSA) or
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) (ASA(IRA)) or
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are now entitled to receive a free lunch. However, parents of children in receipt of any of the benefits listed are still **strongly encouraged** to apply for free school meals because it enables the school to access additional funding which is used to provide additional support to improve access to learning. At St John's, your child **would** be entitled to the following:

- Subsidised school uniform worth £35 over 2 years
- Free milk
- Discounted rate at Breakfast Club
- Support with school trips and clubs
- Additional small group learning support in classrooms



My child gets a free school meal anyway, why do I still need to apply?

Although all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will receive a free lunch meal, it is still important that you apply if you think you might be eligible. This is because, if your child is eligible, the school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium which will be used to support your child's learning.

The school will receive £1,300 (2014-15) per pupil which is used to support the education of all pupils from low-income families as needed, to ensure that they get the same chances as other children.

This can add up a lot of additional funding to a school and can be used to really help children to achieve well as they grow older.



How do I apply?

The easiest way is to apply online at www.dorsetforyou.com/free-school-meals



- You will need your National Insurance number to hand.
- You will find out straight away if you are eligible.
- If you need access to a computer we can provide this in school.

You can also contact Dorset Direct in complete confidence on 01305 221000

If you would like to discuss further, please contact Mrs West to arrange an appointment to see how we can help.



PUPIL PREMIUM

ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

INFORMATION FOR
PARENTS & CARERS