



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

While your child has been attending First School they have been entitled to non means tested Universal **Free** School Meals; this is **not** the case now they have reached KS2 where entitlement to free school meals is benefit based.

You must be in receipt of one of the below benefits to be eligible for a Free School Meal for your child/children.

- 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

Each child who is eligible for free school meals, or has been within 6 years, brings additional funding to the school. This is called **Pupil Premium**.

You can register to find out if your child is eligible by visiting the Citizens Portal. The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a home computer, smartphone or hand held device. It is easy to register. To be able to log in all you need is: *your name, address, phone number and email address*, which you can enter at the website:

https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/citizenportal_live/account/login

You will receive an email where you need to follow the instructions to validate your account. Please come and see us in the school office if you have any problems registering. If you qualify, please show the Application Summary to the school office on your smartphone or print a copy for the school.

Please register with the portal, even if you have applied and been unsuccessful in the past. If you are entitled but do not want your child to take a free school meal please can we urge you to complete the registration process, as every child entitled to free school meals brings in additional government funding for the school.

Thank you for your co-operation.