



The Forest CE Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers

Registering for free school meals can benefit your child and the school.

Your child could be entitled to:-

- **£1320 worth of extra support and opportunities** as well as—
- **Free school trips and**
- **Free school meals.**

Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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 are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. This is known as universal infant free school meals.

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

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Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

Please also register, even if your child is currently entitled to Universal Free School Meals (i.e. in Reception, Years one and two), as the school only receives funding from the government for each child registered for Free School Meals.

What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. We will receive approx.. £1320 for every child registered for Free School Meals from the government.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2010
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

How is the pupil premium funding used?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

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Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch

Make sure you register for free school meals.

Please take the time to read this letter about registering for free school meals. It could really help the school and the opportunities and support we offer your child.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, please register now to ensure your child does not miss out.

How do I apply?

If you qualify and wish to register you can apply by using the link below, or contact the school office.

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

Thank you for reading this letter. If you need any confidential advice or have any questions, please speak to the school office or to myself.

Yours sincerely,

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