

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

We would like to encourage all eligible parents to apply for additional funding for the school via the Free School Meals system. If you are eligible, the school will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

### What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background and financial situation. It is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At St. Paul's, we get an extra £1,035 for every pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer. For example, we have previously used this pupil premium funding for:

- Revision clubs and materials
- Literacy and numeracy support
- Careers advice and work related learning days
- Extended curriculum courses
- Pastoral support
- Other nuanced initiatives relevant to the individual

### Changes to Free School Meals

If your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals and are transitioning from Year 6 to 7 or Year 11 to Post-16 education, they will have their eligibility for FSM reassessed as part of the transition. After this point, they will be subject to the ongoing eligibility checks.

### Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

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- Child Tax Credit (provided 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, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Your child may also be eligible if you are in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold

### Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them but should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

### How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school by following the link below for the online portal. This is the only way to apply. If you do not have access to the internet please feel free to use the notebooks we have set up in our reception area for parents to use. Please contact Mr Greg Maw, Assistant Headteacher if you would like some assistance with your application [Gregory.maw@st-pauls.org.uk](mailto:Gregory.maw@st-pauls.org.uk)

Link to apply - <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>

Registering for this additional funding really makes a difference to all at St Paul's and continues to support your child's education.

Yours sincerely



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