

Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know ... just by registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out.

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. Children who are in care, are adopted or under a residency order or have parents in the armed services are also eligible for the pupil premium.

For every child registered Reculver C.E School gets £953 this year.

Please register now to make sure your child doesn't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the back of this letter.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact school who will help you to register. Mr Grainger can help you fill in the forms if you wish.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), and the school gets £953 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £953 extra.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming, but it could have a very positive impact on your child's education.

This year, we have used the pupil premium funding for, amongst other things...

- Reducing class sizes in Years 5 and 6 through the employment of two additional teachers each morning
- Employing three intervention teaching assistants to lead interventions in Years R through to 6
- Implementing Read Write Inc phonics teaching across the school, particularly in Key Stage 1
- Employing a school counsellor
- Giving financial support to eligible children for trips and activities
- Development of the pastoral care team
- Numicon resources for intervention in maths

Please see our pupil premium funding statement on our website for further details.

Further funding will help us to implement more interventions, reduce the numbers in teaching groups and as a result this will benefit all pupils.

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Yours Sincerely

Mr J Fox
Headteacher

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Remember – your child does not actually have to have the school meal to qualify. Come and talk to us if you're not sure.