

### **Are you entitled and registered for Free School Meals?**

As a school our Pupil Premium Allowance for each child receiving Free School Meals (for parents receiving financial support – not the universal Free School Meals for EYFS/Key Stage 1 children) is up to £100 per school year. The allowance can be used towards the purchase of uniform, the cost of school trips and is in addition to the 50% concession for Music Tuition and Instrument Hire. This allowance is in addition to the support and opportunities we can provide the children in school.

### **Will my son/daughter qualify for Free School Meals and how do I apply?**

To be eligible you must be in receipt of one of the following 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit; this is as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: this is as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you are eligible, it is important you apply, even if your child is in EYFS/Key Stage 1 and receiving school meals under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. By applying, you ensure that as a school, we receive extra funding which will provide additional support and enable you to access the £100 allowance.

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please go to the Dorset for You website and apply on line: [www.dorsetforyou.com/free-school-meals](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/free-school-meals), you will be asked for your Name, DOB, NI number and address. Or alternatively, contact a member of the school team.

If you have any questions or would like further advice or information, please contact the School Office.

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