



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Our school receives funding from the Government to cover the costs of providing education. This includes all school running costs, such as employing teachers and support staff, books and equipment, school building expenses and free school meals.

The school also receives additional funding known as pupil premium for pupils whose families receive certain benefits. All KS1 children (Reception, year 1 and year 2) currently receive a free meal via the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme so you may think why bother completing the form but we can only claim the pupil premium if we are aware of parents receiving one of the eligible benefits. Even if your child is on a packed lunch the school will still be able to claim the premium if you are eligible.

It is in **all** our interests that we bring in as much money as we can to support our school and ensure all of our children get the best possible education. To help your child and your school, we can do a very quick eligibility check for this additional funding via Durham County Council.

In order to do this we require some simple information relating to the parent/guardian.

Please inform the school if you are/have been employed by H.M.R.C. as this may have an effect on the result.

Full name

Date of birth

National Insurance number or Asylum Seekers Reference number

You do not need to provide supporting paperwork unless the school request this.

For the whole of the time your child is in our school this is the only information we will need to check your eligibility (**unless your surname changes**). We are therefore asking all parents, no matter what your current circumstances are to complete, sign and return the following form.

Please be rest assured that the information you provide is confidential and will be treat with the strictest confidence and safe keeping.

Many thanks for your help.



FSM ENTITLEMENT VERIFICATION CHECK

SCHOOL/ACADEMY

NAME OF PUPIL(s):..... YEAR GROUP

SURNAME OF PARENT/CARER WHO IS IN RECEIPT OF AN ELIGIBLE BENEFIT

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NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER OF PARENT/CARER WHO IS IN RECEIPT OF AN ELIGIBLE BENEFIT

OR

ASYLUM SEEKER'S REFERENCE 9 DIGIT NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH OF PARENT/CARER

PLEASE TICK WHICH BENEFIT YOU ARE CLAIMING

- Universal Credit **with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7,400**
- Income Support
- Income - based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you **are not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit

- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

I hereby give consent to a check for Free School Meals eligibility, via Durham County Council's Benefit Systems and the Department for Education's online service which includes data from HMRC and DWP. (Communication with Durham County Council may be subject to monitoring and recording.)

PARENT/CARER'S SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT ENTITLEMENT

Please note a separate application must be made to the School Transport section

A national policy provides extended rights to pupils eligible for free school meals or whose parents receive their maximum level of Working Tax Credit. This provides transport for:

Primary pupils aged 8 but under age 11 years:

- The nearest suitable school, where that school is more than 2 miles away from the child's home.

Secondary pupils:

- 1 of the 3 nearest qualifying secondary schools, where the school is more than 2 but less than 6 miles from the child's home, and
- the nearest suitable school preferred because of religion or belief for pupils whose parent(s) adhere to that particular faith, where that school is more than 2 but less than 15 miles from the child's home.

For School/Academy Use Only

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