

## Shorne Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6

### **Pupil Premium – Are you eligible?**

As you may already know, schools receive additional money from the Government for all pupils who are entitled to free school meals (Pupil Premium Grant).

**For every child registered as Pupil Premium, our school will get £1320.**

With this money we could purchase additional resources for the children of our school, such as IT and sports equipment, music lessons, additional staff etc, as well as updating our current facilities. **If you are eligible and have registered, you could also get financial help with school trips and free places in our Breakfast Club.**

### **How does it work?**

1. First, check if you qualify – please look at the list on the back of this letter.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, you can register online at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-schoolmeals>. Alternatively, contact the School Office, who will be happy to check your eligibility and register for you. All you need is your National Insurance Number.
3. If you are eligible and would like your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they can have free meals (saving you more than £400 a year).
4. If you don't want your child to have school meals they can continue to bring in a packed lunch – **as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1320 per child.**

Apart from a few members of staff, no one will know that you have registered or that your child is able to have free school meals and if you claim benefits it will not affect any of these.

If you have any questions regarding Pupil Premium, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Tara Hewett  
Head of School

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

### Do you qualify?

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

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you are an asylum

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

**Come and talk to us if you're not sure.**