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Free School Meals & Pupil Premium – 2024/25

Dear families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you had a restful break and are excited for the upcoming academic year.

As I'm sure you're aware, the Government and Bristol City Council supports students through the provision of Free School Meals. If you are entitled, your child will receive a free, healthy lunch in school each day. In addition to this, the school receives additional funds to support your child in school, this is known as 'pupil premium'.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for 'Infant' Free School Meals. However this is not the same as being 'free school meal eligible' and the school will not receive the 'pupil premium' on this basis. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, and you meet the criteria below, please contact our administrator Sarah so we can support your application. Sarah.Gilder@bristol-schools.uk 0117 403 6411.

For those in Year 3 and above, an application is required to determine eligibility. This can be made electronically via the following link <https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals> It is possible to complete a paper copy – please ask the administrators on your child's site for a form. If you need help completing this, please speak to your Head of School or attend one of our Parent Coffee Mornings running during Term 1 where a member of staff will be available to help.

You can apply for Free School Meals if you receive any of the following:

- ❖ Universal Credit if your household income is less than £7,400 a year or £616.67 a month after tax
- ❖ Income Support
- ❖ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ❖ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ❖ the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- ❖ Child Tax Credit (as long as 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- ❖ support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If your child has a packed lunch, or is tube fed it is still important that you apply as the school receives additional funding for Free School Meal entitled pupils. Pupil Premium funding is around £1,455/year for a primary school child and around £1,035/year for a secondary school child. This funding makes a big difference to our school and the eligible pupils. We report how we spend this money each year, a copy of which can be found on our website.

If you have any questions, please do speak to your child's Head of School.

Yours sincerely,



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