



THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A *FREE LUNCH!

Bonus: A *free school lunch comes with additional benefits — for you, your child and for school.

Some facts about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium:

- For every child eligible for a *free school meal, the school will receive £1,455 per year. This is known as Pupil Premium Funding and is used in a variety of creative and innovative ways to help support individual pupils and the whole school community, and to help raise attainment levels.
- Pupil Premium Funding is received for each eligible child for six years, even if their parents go back to full-time paid work.
- Many people who are eligible for *free school meals do not claim.
- It is important that if your child is ever eligible for *free school meals (however briefly) you should claim—even if your child does not take a school meal.
- If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 he/she will already receive a free school meal through the Universal Free School Meals scheme. Unfortunately, these children do not attract Pupil Premium Funding unless they are registered for *free school meals.
- If your child is eligible for *free school meals, you will receive additional benefits from school. These can include subsidised educational trips / after school activities / music tuition, and access to additional support for your child's learning and/or well-being. New claimants may be eligible for Tesco uniform vouchers.

Applying for *free school meals, i.e. Pupil Premium, is simple:

- Visit the Together for Children Sunderland Family Portal to register at <https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>. The website has a user guide to support parents / carers.
- Additional support is available by telephoning the Free School Meal Service on 0191 561 1417.
- You can also email the Free School Meal Service on <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/21204/Free-School-Meals>
- All applications are treated with the utmost discretion.
- Pupil Premium Funding is calculated from figures collected by the Government each January—PLEASE ACT NOW AND IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE YOUR CHILD WILL BE INCLUDED IN THOSE FIGURES.

INFORMATION ABOUT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IS AVAILABLE ON THE FAMILY PORTAL DETAILED ABOVE.

Alternatively, you can contact our school office staff on 0191 5634100.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY—IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

THE EXTRA FUNDING CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

GIVE US THE CHANCE TO USE THIS FUNDING TO HELP YOUR CHILD.

THANK YOU.

**Free: entitlement through successful Pupil Premium application.*