

**Do you know if you are entitled to claim Free School Meals for you child?**

**Do you know what other benefits are available to you if you are entitled to Free School Meals?**

**Read on to find out the importance of registering for Free School Meals.**



## **WHAT NEXT? FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY AND REGISTER TODAY**

We cannot stress enough the importance of eligible families registering for Free School Meals — even if you do not want your child to have the free meal. If you think your child may be eligible to receive the Free School Meal entitlement, you can contact the Royal Borough of Kingston's Free School Meal hotline:

- ◇ Telephone 020 8547 5004
- ◇ Email: free-schoolmeals@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

We believe the [online form](#) is the simplest way to register. You can have confidential access to a computer in school and assistance if required.

If you have any queries or would like further clarification please ask to speak to Mrs Shona Pitcher, Deputy Headteacher, via the school office. All enquires will be dealt with in confidence

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**



## **Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)**

## WHAT IS THE PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT?

The Pupil Premium Grant is funding which the government gives to schools to support children in their learning. The amount of funding we receive through the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is calculated on the number of children registered for Free School Meals within the school.

Schools will only receive the PPG funding if families sign up for the Free School Meal entitlement. The more children registered for Free School Meals, the more funding the school will receive in its budget to support children's learning.



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

Registering for Free School Meals is so much more than registering for a free school lunch. By registering for Free School Meals, you can unlock more financial support for your child in school. You are not obliged to order the meal if you do not wish to.

Every family that registers their eligibility for a Free School Meal will receive:

- ◇ A free school meal (optional)
- ◇ A free place at one of the after school or lunchtime clubs.
- ◇ A 50% reduced rate for year group trips.
- ◇ Savings on the Year 6 residential trip (which is currently a 40% reduction)

These are some of the regular benefits but other opportunities may arise during the school year. For example, all children entitled to Free School Meals received a free book on World Book Day.

Mrs Pitcher, Deputy Headteacher, is available to help and advise. Please speak to the office to arrange an appointment.  
All enquires will be treated in full confidence.

## ELIGIBILITY

How do you know if you can register for Free School Meals?

You may qualify if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- ◇ Income Support
- ◇ Income-based job seeker's allowance
- ◇ Income-related employment and support allowance
- ◇ The guarantee element of state pension credit
- ◇ Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ◇ Child tax credit (but not working tax credit) and have an annual income of less than £16,190
- ◇ Working Tax Credit run-on — paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ◇ Universal Credit

We do appreciate there may be sensitivity around personal circumstances and we handle the administration of Free School Meals in a discreet and confidential manner.