

## Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Currently there are **two** ways in which children receive free school meals in school:

### Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

This is where **all** children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free meal at lunchtime

### Free School Meals (FSM)

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals and other benefits up until the age of 16

Your child may qualify for **FSM** if parents are receiving one of the benefits listed below:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In addition to **FSM**, children may also be eligible for **Pupil Premium Grant**

The school receives Pupil Premium grant funding (currently **£1320** per child per year) to enable pupils registered for free school meals (FSM) and for service children to be offered a rich educational experience that is not inhibited by their background. As a school we aim to provide every child with the best possible learning experiences and environments. Using Pupil Premium we are able to provide a range of additional support to those children to ensure that they not only achieve but where possible exceed age related expectation.

**We believe that every pupil at Bracebridge Infant and Nursery School should have equal opportunities to achieve the best possible start to life and be 'the best that they can be'.**

Pupil Premium Funding is used by schools to provide eligible children with free school milk throughout primary school, offer financial support for Breakfast and After School Clubs and registering could also provide extra money for school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. Full details are available on our school website. **Currently due the Covid-19 outbreak, Pupil Premium families receive extra support with food vouchers whilst children are not in school.**

To check if your child is eligible, simply apply on-line via Lincolnshire County Council via the website below:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. To avoid requesting this information again, Lincolnshire County Council will store your data securely and it will be checked periodically for eligibility. If you qualify, school will automatically be advised.

**If you have any questions or queries or would like any help with applying then please just ask in the school office or call us on 01522 520591.**