

Dear Parents and Carers

**Apply for Pupil Premium and Free School Meals...
it's quick and easy using the online form at:**

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral/>

If you are receiving certain benefits, please apply for Pupil Premium and Free School Meals. Although your child will receive Free School Meals in Foundation Stage to Year 2, there are other benefits to applying.

Look at the benefits:

- Savings for you – all trips and clubs half price.
- Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £900 a year.
- A free school meal for your child from Year 3 to Year 6, which is good for their health and well-being.

Just registering your child means that West Kirby Primary School receives the extra money, even if you don't take up the free meal. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If you want further information then please talk to the School Office or email at the address above; everything you say will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Do you qualify?

Your child will be eligible if you get any of these benefits:

- 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 Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

How to find out

Checking whether you qualify and registering is really quick and easy – do it online at:

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Just by registering, automatic checks will take place every two weeks and you won't need to do anything further. If you become eligible for Free School Meals, even for a few weeks, the school will be notified. Remember to add any of your other children once they reach school age. The system of payment for meals happens in the same way for all children. The kitchen team and other pupils do not know who receives a Free School Meal.

If you don't want your child to have a Free School Meal they can continue on packed lunches as normal – as long as you qualify, and are registered, the school still gets the extra money.

Yours sincerely

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