

***Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?***

***Please register now to make sure we don't miss out!***

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

**For every child registered, Saint John Wall Catholic School gets £985 this year.**

If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help, for example, with the cost of school trips.

## ***What to do next?***

### **How does it work?**

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy online – if you think you qualify and need help, contact Miss Pollock or Miss Chohan on 0121 554 1825 who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £420 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £985 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals, they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £985 extra.
5. The amount given for a free school meal is £2.43 which is automatically added to your child's Biometric account daily but does not carry over if not used.

## ***Is your child entitled?***

### **Do you qualify?**

You can register your child/ren for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided 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

***No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.***