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 £1050 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 James 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 £450 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £1050 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 £1050 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?

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

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

A pupil is only eligible to receive a free school meal where both:

- a claim for this support has been made
- their eligibility has been verified by the school where they are enrolled or by the local authority

Households may also be entitled to a meal if they:

- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria set out in separate guidance for families with no recourse to public funds

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