



Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

School meals are **free** for all children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2,
but did you know that the government gives the school **£1300** for every child who would qualify for free meals anyway because their parent claims one or more of the following benefits or allowances?

- *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, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)*
- *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 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*

The funding that we receive is **vital** to us and helps us pay for the extra support for the children in terms of reading assistants, teaching assistants & equipment.

If you are entitled to any of the above benefits or allowances, or think that you might be,

please don't wait

until your child is in Year 3. Apply online at

<https://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals/>

01454 868008

Or phone South Gloucestershire Council on **01454 868008** (option 2) NOW with your date of birth and your National Insurance Number. They'll let you know whether you qualify and make all the arrangements for you over the phone.

Thank you for your support