

Dear Parent/Guardian

STATUTORY FREE SCHOOL MEALS = VITAL SCHOOL FUNDING

I am writing to all parents regarding Statutory Free School Meals and to check whether you have applied for a Statutory Free School Meal for your child/ren if you are in receipt of certain benefits. If you have already applied, please disregard this letter.

However, for those parents who have not applied but are eligible, you may not be aware that for every child who receives Statutory Free School Meals, the school receives £1,320 in additional funding which is known as **Pupil Premium**.

This funding is for each child that has been on the free school meal register at any point during their time at school, even if their entitlement has stopped. This vital funding is invested by the school in a diverse range of ways to support children with their learning.

Please could we ask that if you are eligible that you still apply for Statutory Free School Meals regardless of whether your child/ren actually have a school meal, otherwise we will not receive this vital funding?

To apply for Statutory Free School Meals or to check whether you are eligible to apply, please use the following link <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>.

Alternatively, please complete the form overleaf and return it to the school office for processing.

If you require any further information regarding any of the above, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

Ian Rowden
Headteacher

TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS GETTING ALL THE REQUIRED FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THEM WE NEED ALL PARENTS TO FILL IN THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW:

Please tick which benefit you receive:-

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you are an asylum seeker
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

NO EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED TO BE SENT INTO SCHOOL WITH THIS FORM.

Please enter IN CAPITALS details of applicant (benefit application)

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) _____ Surname _____

Forenames _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Daytime Tel. No. _____

NI Number _____ **Email Address** _____

Relationship to pupil (s) _____

Please enter below details of **all** your children who attend Aylesham Primary School

Child's SURNAME	FORENAMES	Date of Birth	SCHOOL

DECLARATION

1. I am in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits listed above and I undertake to inform the school immediately if I cease to receive any of these benefits.
2. I agree that the school can use the information I have provided.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____