

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

For every child registered for a free school meal, the school receives an additional £935.00 of funding to spend on extra resources. If you are a member of the armed forces the school receives £300.00 per child. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium' and is given by the Government to help children from these backgrounds do their very best in school.

### **Pupil Premium funding at QEGS helps to provide additional support such as:**

- Providing personalised packages of support, guidance and learning opportunities to help improve student's life-chances
- Improved IT facilities
- Providing breakfasts and snacks for students during GCSE examinations
- Additional equipment and revision materials
- Quality teaching and feedback
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In addition to this, you could also get financial help towards the cost of educational visits and school uniform.

### **Did you know...?**

If your child qualifies for free school meals, you could save around £350.00 per year. If your child has free school meals instead of packed lunches then you could save up to 190 hours a year – that's just over a week in making packed lunches!

If you register and qualify for free school meals but don't want your child to have the meal then you can carry on as normal, but the school and your child still qualify for the additional funding.

### **Am I eligible...?**

The criterion for free school meals is:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit and those whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed the income threshold set by the Treasury, currently £16,190
- The 'Guarantee' element of the State Pension Credit

**PARENTS RECEIVING WORKING TAX CREDIT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE  
REGISTERING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS WILL NOT AFFECT ANY OTHER BENEFITS YOU ARE  
CLAIMING**

### **How do I apply?**

You can apply for free school meals on line at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) . By applying online you will be informed immediately if you are entitled or not. As soon as the entitlement is confirmed, the school will be notified and your child will start to receive their free school meals. If you cannot access

the online application form or you need help in completing it, we can offer you the use of a computer in school and somebody to help you – or complete application form in your presence on your behalf.

### **Service Families**

If you are a Service Family, please provide us with details of which service one or both parents/carers are members of.

### **Children adopted from care**

The school also receives funding for children who have been adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or who left care under a Special Guardianship or Residential Order. Parents must self-declare that their child is adopted by providing evidence to the school e.g. a copy of the adoption order. This then triggers payment of the Pupil Premium to the school.

It is important to stress that Pupil Premium funding is not ring-fenced for the individual student that attracts it. Whilst schools are held to account for the achievement of pupils who attract the Pupil Premium, schools have the flexibility to spend the additional funding as they see fit. For example, we may decide that a whole class intervention is appropriate, resulting in pupils that do not attract the Pupil Premium from benefiting also.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bembridge', written in a cursive style.

**Mr S Bembridge**  
**Inclusion and Pupil Premium Leader**