



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Free School Meals

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free meal at lunchtime.

If your child is in this age group but is also eligible for free school meals because you receive one of the qualifying benefits we still need you to apply for this entitlement.

Schools receive a 'pupil premium' payment (up to £2,300) for each eligible child that they can spend on resources which will benefit your child's education.

You can get free school meals if you are responsible for a child (for example, you receive Child Benefit for them) who is still at school - including nursery children who attend full days and sixth form students - as long as you get one of these qualifying incomes:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit (provided your earned income is no more than £616.67 in the last Universal Credit assessment period)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you have a query about free school meals you can email benefitsfsm@stockport.gov.uk.

Please accept my thanks in anticipation of your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Ponsen - Headteacher