

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Families,

**RE: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Only the benefits listed above qualify for free school meals. If you have recently become unemployed, but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals. Non-Benefit related additional eligibility criteria: Children of families who don't receive these benefits may also qualify for free school meals if the family's annual household income is no higher than the following:

- £22,700 for families outside of London with one child
- £26,300 for families outside of London with two or more children

Please phone the Entitlements Team, County Hall, on 0300 123 2224 for advice. Children must be in school all day and they will be provided with a meal at lunchtime which is paid for by the school. It is the responsibility of the parents or carers to register their entitlement and request free school meals for their children.

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We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and all staff share this commitment. If you have a concern about the welfare or safety of child please speak directly to Mrs Constanza (DSL) or Miss Lintern (DDSL).

Pupil premium funding is allocated to eligible schools based on the number of:

- Pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM)
- Children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales

### **Pupil Premium at Catcott School 2024 - 2025**

Pupil premium is an additional funding, from the government, provided to schools for supporting low-income families to ensure their children have the same opportunities as other children.

#### **How does our Pupil Premium work?**

##### **School will provide:**

Free breakfast club  
Residential trips (Year 5 and 6)  
1 school trip per year  
£50 Scholastic book fair voucher

##### **'Gift Pot'**

Each Pupil Premium child is allocated a £100 'Gift Pot' which can be used on the following items:

School Trips  
Swimming  
After School Club  
School Clubs  
Leavers Hoodies  
Uniform  
Music Lessons

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to inform the school if they wish to use their child's 'Gift Pot' to pay for an item/event.

If you would like to check your eligibility for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium, please follow the link below (forms are also available from the office) –

[Free school meals \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

Many thanks,

Laura Constanza



Head Teacher  
Mrs Constanza