

## Help us to get extra funding for your school by completing the attached form.

# All completed forms will be placed in a draw with the chance to win a Kindle Fire 7!



Since the introduction of the Universal Free School Meals for ALL infant children, it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to identify those parents who would previously been entitled to Free School Meals as well as the additional Pupil Premium funding for the school to claim free meals due to being in receipt of certain benefits.

While it is recommended your child eats a school meal, due to the nutritional value it provides, this is optional – you can register your child's entitlement for the Pupil Premium funding regardless of whether or not your child takes up any entitlement to a Free School Meal.

Registering for free school meals can benefit your child and the school.

Your child could be entitled to Free School Meals and up to £1900 of additional funding for the school.

#### This funding is typically spent on:

- Access to after school clubs
- Subsidised educational visits
- Targeted learning Support
- Enhancing the curriculum offer within school

If you are in receipt of the below benefits and/or any of the below statements apply to your family, then please let us know.

#### **Eligibility Checklist:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit
- I am the parent of a child who I have adopted from care
- I am the parent of a child who lives with me under a Special Guardianship
   Order made on or after 30th December 2005
- I am the parent of a child who lives with me under a Residence Order on or after 14th October 1991

Please complete the attached form and return to school and/or speak confidentially to someone in the school office by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### Yours sincerely

#### Please Note:

If you are not in receipt of any of the above benefits and none of the statements apply, then could you please still complete the form answering 'no' to all sections. Send your completed form and signed form into school so you too can be entered into the prize draw!



### Registration Form – Free School Meals

We need information about you and your child so that we can provide the best education and support by making sure that school receives all the government funding to which your children are entitled. Please complete this form and return to school at your earliest convenience.

Child's Date of Birth

Name of School

Child's First Name

About your child/children

declaration at the end of the form

Child's Last Name

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If you ticked no, please place an X in this box if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:
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Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
<ul> <li>Income-related Employment and Support Allowance</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Support from NASS (National Asylum and Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The guarantee element of State Pension Credit</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190</li> </ul>
Working Tax Credit run-on
Universal Credit
Please place an X in this box if you are not sure whether your joint family income is over £16,190, or whether you are in receipt of one of the benefits listed above, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals:
DECLARATION
The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.
Signature of parent/guardian:
Date:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This includes those who have parental rights for the child/children named on this form.

#### About this form

From September 2014 all children who are in reception, year 1 or year 2 in a state-funded school will be offered a free healthy school lunch. Children in other school years will also be offered a free school lunch if their parent is receiving any of the welfare benefits listed overleaf.

Registering could raise money for your child's school

Registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,300 for your child's school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed in the form. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

How the information in this form will be used

The information you provide in this form will be used by the council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

The information will also be used in relation to children in year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school

Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information.

We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.