



Ark All Saints Academy

Monday, 25 January 2021

Dear Parent,

RE: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Following on from the impact of the first lockdown in March 2020, we know that this current lockdown has impacted families in our school community in so many different ways. This letter aims to remove any barriers to ensuring our scholars reach their full potential.

If your child is eligible for ‘free school meals’ and you register them for this, we’ll receive extra funding called ‘pupil premium’. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources for your child at this school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It’s provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At AASA, we get funding from the government for every eligible scholar who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we have previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance or 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
- Universal Credit provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

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Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Scholars who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways. During lockdown we send parents £15 food vouchers each week.

How do I apply?

Kindly fill in this online form: <https://tinyurl.com/yyqthg83>

Click on this link if you want to check eligibility confidentially: <https://tinyurl.com/tyvj9pc>

To find out more about free school meals, please get in touch with Vanessa Thomas on info@arkallsaintsacademy.org

Yours sincerely,

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