

Dore Primary School

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INCOME BASED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Government provides extra money to schools to help children from lower incomes to do their very best. This funding is called the Pupil Premium and if your child is registered, school gets an extra £1300 which is used to enrich your child's education.

Although Foundation and KS1 pupils receive Universal Free School Meals, it is important that you apply for Free School meals if your family circumstances fit the following criteria.

You are eligible for free school meals if your children are registered at a Sheffield School, the parent or carer receives child benefit for the children and the parent or carer receives one of the following benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance.
- An income-related employment and support allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit, but not receiving Working Tax Credit, and your annual income does not exceed £16,190.
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for **four weeks** after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week.

If you are unsure about your eligibility for Free School Meals, please call 2735705 or 2736401. There will be someone on hand to answer any of your queries.

In order for your child to benefit from this extra funding it is important that children are on the register for Free School Meals as **soon as possible** to release the school funding. If you think your child/children are eligible, please make your application by this date.

REGISTERING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

- Apply online at www.sheffield.gov.uk/free school meals. Include your email address and you will be informed about your entitlement for your child(ren) the next working day.
- Call 2735705 or 2736401. You will be asked for your National Insurance Number (or NASS number), The names of your child(ren) and their dates of birth.
- Ask at school if they can make an application for you. They will need the above details to make the application for you, and permission to keep your details.

We hope that you have found this information useful.











