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Is Your Child Eligible for Pupil Premium Funding... including Free School Meals?

Have your circumstances changed recently?

Dear Delph Families,

The rising cost of living challenges mean everyone could use a little bit of extra help. If you are on a low income **and/or** benefits then you may be able to claim means-tested, free school meals and additional funds for your child at school. The revised Universal Credit system means more people are eligible for free school meals so it's worth checking to see if you qualify!

If eligible, it would not only benefit you and your child, it would benefit the school too.

Schools are given additional funding for every child who is registered as entitled to FSM. The additional funding is received regardless of whether or not your child chooses to have a school meal or, whether they already receive a Universal Free School Meal (from Reception to Year 2).

At Delph the additional funds are used to support individual families and, **most importantly, are also used collectively to enrich ALL our pupil's learning experiences!**

In addition, families in receipt of FSM have also been allocated food **vouchers** to be used during the school holidays - a great support towards the weekly food shop!

We are aware that some parents may choose not to take up their entitlement to a means-tested, free school meal. Please apply anyway as the school will still receive funding even if you don't wish to access a free daily meal! There may also be other ways in which we can support you. **Please don't wait until your child reaches Year 3 when Universal FSMs end and school meals are paid for - apply now!**

Eligibility Criteria

You can get free school meals if your child attends a local authority maintained school and you receive one of the following:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed the current year's level





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- the Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finished, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month).
- You may also be eligible if the child's parent/guardian lives in another household with other relatives.

You can get more information about applying and access the online application form by visiting the Oldham LA website www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/grants_and_allowances/161/school_meals or by e-mailing benefitsfsm@oldham.gov.uk for further advice.

If you have a Tameside address, use the following application form:
<http://www.tprs.tameside.sch.uk/sites/www.tprs.tameside.sch.uk/files/file-attachments/Free%20School%20Meal%20Application%20Form.pdf>

The information can also be found on our school website.

If you already have children in receipt of FSM, **you must ensure siblings are added accordingly** by contacting the Council - they are NOT added to the system automatically when they start school.

Funding is only released annually and is based on School Census Data at a given point (the next census is in OCTOBER) therefore applying sooner rather than later is essential as it may be 12 months before a school receives any new funding for a child.

If you believe you may be entitled and require additional support, please contact a member of staff in confidence.

Kind regards,
Miss R Swaby (Headteacher).