



Christ Church
CE Primary School

Growing and Learning Together in Christ

Head Teacher: Mrs S. Howard

Friday 13th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apply for Free School Meals...
It's quick and easy using the online form at:
<https://www.bury.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals>

If you are receiving certain benefits, a free tasty and nutritious school meal is available for your children at Christ Church Walshaw...**BUT YOU MUST APPLY!**

Look at the benefits:

- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- Savings for you, possibly worth over £390 a year.
- **Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £1400 a year.**

The additional monies which come into school through Pupil Premium is extremely welcome in our school budget and enables us to continue to provide the support of TAs in the classroom for all our pupils.

Just registering your child for Free School Meals means that our school receives the extra money even if you don't take up the free meal. No one will know you have registered, and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. If your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 you **STILL NEED TO APPLY** so that pupils can benefit from pupil premium funding. Even qualifying for one day can bring monies into our school.

If you want further information, then please contact the school office or email at the address below; everything you say will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely
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Do you qualify?

Your child will be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Come and talk to us if you are not sure.

How does it work?

1. **Checking whether you qualify and registering is really quick and easy- do it online at:**

<https://www.bury.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals>
2. **You can also contact the school office to arrange an appointment to help complete the online form.**
3. **If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great- they will get the free meal (saving you more than £390 a year) and the school gets extra money to help your child and others in their class.**

Please apply if you are entitled to this benefit- school benefits too!