



Together, we're working towards our Bowsland Best

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Pupil Premium Funding – Have YOUR circumstances changed?

Are you eligible to claim 'Free School Meals' for your child? If so, this is one of the ways that entitles your child to access 'Pupil Premium Funding'. This funding is used in our school to directly help children make accelerated progress in Maths and English.

You are eligible to claim for Free School Meals if:

You receive

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income- related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after employment finishes or after you start work (less than 16 hours per week).

For every child who registers for Free School Meals, has a parent who is a member of the armed forces, or is 'Looked after' or adopted, Bowsland Green receives an additional £300 - £1900 to support learning. This additional money is called 'Pupil Premium Funding'. With this money, we are able to provide extra resources and additional support for children's learning.

Although the Government is providing Free School Meals for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, it is still essential that you register for Free School Meals if you think you qualify, so that we do not lose the Pupil Premium Funding and your child does not miss out on this additional support.

Of course, if you do register, it is not compulsory for your child to have the Free School Meal each day. You may prefer to provide a packed lunch for your child. As long as you qualify and are registered, the school will still get the additional funding to support their achievement.

Registering is really quick and easy and *will not affect any other benefits you are claiming*. If you think you qualify, please follow the link below or telephone **01454 868 008**.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/school-meals/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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