

In God's love we learn and grow together

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Headteacher: Mrs J P Conley

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

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

This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Funding school trips
- 1:1 support
- Extra Teaching Assistant support

### **Is my child eligible for Free School Meals?**

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with a total annual taxable income of less than £16,190 and are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit depending on how much you receive if you or your partner is working



- Have successfully obtained asylum status

If you are a foster carer, and receiving a fostering allowance, you are not eligible to claim free school meals for those children you are fostering from school Year 3 and above.

### **Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM)**

Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as *Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)*. You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with Free Schools Meals and the Pupil Premium.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for Free School Meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we will receive the extra Pupil Premium funding.

### **Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No. Pupils who are registered for Free School Meals do not have to eat them. If you are 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.

### **Food Vouchers**

The Local Authority and Department for Education issue food vouchers for those children who are eligible for Free School Meals.

### **How do I register?**

We are asking all Parents/Carers to complete the attached form for Free School Meals and return to school *as soon as possible*. We will then register your child on your behalf.

If you need support in completing the form. Please book an appointment with our office staff. They are available to help any morning or any time on a Wednesday.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs J Conley**  
**Headteacher**

**St Finbar's Catholic Primary School**  
**APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND MILK**

**You**

<b>Last Name</b>	
<b>Other Name(s)</b>	
<b>Title</b> (Mr, Mrs, Ms, etc)	
<b>Address</b> (Do not tell us your partner's address if it is the same as yours)	
<b>Post Code</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>National Insurance Number</b>	
<b>National Asylum Seeker Service Reference Number</b>	
<b>Your Relationship to Child</b> (eg Mother)	
<b>Your Email Address</b>	
<b>Your Daytime Telephone Number</b>	

**Are you or your partner receiving**

- Universal Credit (with an annual net income of no more than £7400.00 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- The Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with total taxable income of less than £16,190 – provided you are not also entitled to working tax credits
- Working Tax Credit run-on: Paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

**Please list all the children who live with you and who are at St Finbar's Catholic Primary School.**

Child's Full Legal Name	Date of Birth	Gender

**Free School Meals**    **Yes**   

**Free School Milk**    **Yes**   

I confirm that I have parental responsibility for the child/children and that the child/children live(s) with me.

I declare the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.

I give consent for the information provided to be submitted on my behalf by St Finbar's Catholic Primary School to process my claim for free school meals and milk and to contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial and ongoing entitlement.

I agree that the information may be used to ensure you can inform the school attended by my child of their initial and ongoing entitlement to Free School Meals and Milk.

I agree that the information may be used to ensure accuracy of records across the Local Authority and to check against Fraud.

I agree that the school attended by my child will be informed of my child's initial and ongoing entitlement free school meals.

**You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the school office.**

**Your signature:**

**Date:**