



# All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

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## School Meals & Additional Funding

Dear Parent/Carer,

One of the joys of school is eating with friends at lunch time. We offer nutritious, 'home' cooked meals here in school to help parents provide food for their child at lunch time.

### Universal Infant Free School Meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free meal under the 'Universal Infant Free School Meal' scheme. We ask all parents of children in this age range to register their child online for these meals. This process also checks whether your child is eligible for benefit related 'Free School Meals' – if so, our school can receive additional funding (called the Pupil Premium) to enable us to better support children across the school. See below for more information on this.

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents please register here:**

*(even if your child will only have packed lunches!)*

[https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=CHSERV\\_FSMREG](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=CHSERV_FSMREG)

### Benefit Related Free School Meals (Y3+)

For children in Year 3 onwards, parents need to pay for school meals – the current daily charge is published on our website.

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).



**Year 3 and older parents please check your eligibility here:**

*(even if your child will only have packed lunches!)*

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=HCWH>

When your child moves from Year 2 to Year 3, you will have to register for Free School Meals using the link above. However, once you are entitled to Free School Meals, your information will be renewed each year meaning that unless your circumstances change, entitlement to free school meals from Year 3 onwards and other educational benefits will be automatically registered each year.

### Additional School Funding – Pupil Premium

For each child eligible for benefit related Free School Meals, school receives additional funding of £1345 per eligible pupil (April 2021 rate). This is not a personal grant to those children but contributes to the whole school budget. At All Saints, we target this funding towards eligible children by providing additional support

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in class where needed, and we are able to reduce other educational expenses for these children, such as trips, visits, or resources they might need.

We currently spend on approximately £6000 per pupil (all pupils) on their provision but receive only £4500 from the Local Authority. Pupil Premium funding is vital to support the school's aim of providing the support children need when they need it and provides an additional £30,000 per year on average for our school. We do really need it!

Please register your child for meals, even if they don't actually take them up. The funding is not dependent on them having meals in school – if they prefer packed lunches that's fine, but still register online to check your child's eligibility.

You can find the Pupil Premium Strategy report for our school on the website: [Pupil Premium Reports](#)

## **Not eligible for Free School Meals but struggling with school expenses?**

The School Governors operate a hardship fund that may be able to support you. Please contact Mrs Perryman in confidence to discuss any financial difficulties with school expenses (including uniform) you may be having. She can be contacted on: [finance@allsaints.herts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@allsaints.herts.sch.uk) or telephone: 01279 836006

Yours sincerely,

Mr Philip Asher  
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