

## HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?

We will be issuing Free School Meal vouchers for children eligible for Pupil Premium over the Summer holidays. If your circumstances have changed and you think you might be eligible please read the attached letter – or give either myself or Mrs Whitehead a call to talk it through in the strictest of confidence.



# Portesham C of E VA Primary School

17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent,

## **RE: PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll 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

### **Is my child eligible for free school meals?**

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

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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'll 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 don't have to eat them. If you're 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.

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

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please speak to Mrs Whitehead in the office or type the link below into your Internet browser.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx>

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please get in contact.

Best wishes,



Mrs V Prior  
Headteacher