



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that your school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered for Free School Meals at Hawridge and Cholesbury CE School the school receives £1300.

With this money we are able to provide more small group sessions or 1 to 1 sessions. We are also able to increase the number of teaching assistant hours to provide support in classes. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with school visits

Please register to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Jones who will help you to register.
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 £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £1300 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1300.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to us about registering your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rosie Phillips
Headteacher

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit except if you meet ANY of the following criteria –
 - i) entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
 - ii) have an annual income in excess of £16,190 (Please note that this figure is for April 2013 and that it changes in April each year).
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Come and talk to us if you're not sure.