



Saltford
CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Benefit-Related (Free) School Meals and our Pupil Premium Offer for your children

We know that some of our pupils (due to family circumstances) may be entitled to 'free-school meal status', but because our EYFS and KS1 children are currently receiving school-paid meals, families may not all be applying.

There are several benefits for both families and the school (in terms of additional Pupil Premium funding) of applying for 'free-school meals' status for your child.

If you are receiving one or more of the benefits below, your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals (and therefore, we as a school will receive the **pupil premium**):

- *Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is £7,400 or less, 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*
- *Child Tax Credit, **without any Working Tax Credit**, and an annual household income of £16,190 or less (as assessed by HMRC - Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)*
- ***Four-week run-on** Working Tax Credit (paid for four weeks after you **STOP** qualifying for Working Tax Credit)*
- *Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit*
- *Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*

The link below can be used to apply:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If parents successfully apply for benefit-related free school meals, the school will receive '**pupil premium funding**' for each child for the next 6 years. This has some benefits for our school and for families.

Schools receive funding each year based on the number of 'pupil premium' children, to increase attainment for this group of children – this funding actually benefits all pupils in the school.

Whilst most of this funding is spent at 'school level', as part of our pupil premium strategy <https://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/key-information/pupil-premium> we budget some of this to reduce some costs to parents. Please see over for our offer to our families.

All Year Groups

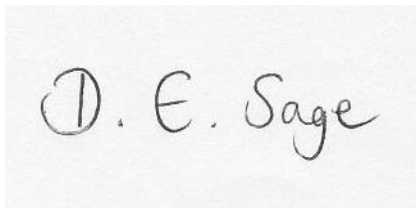
- **Uniform** support from our PTA
- **Reading** regularly to an adult at school
- **Trips & Activities** – 1 of these funded for each child each year
- **Clubs** – one club funded per child on a rotation through the year
- **Supermarket food e-vouchers** during the school holidays (£15 per child per week) whilst your child is eligible for benefit-related free/ school paid meals
- **Swimming** – funded for each child
- An additional meeting with Mrs Sage and Mrs Spincer at Parent Consultation evenings to discuss how we can best support your children together

Key Stage 2

- **Musical Instrument Lessons:** reduction in cost (through the West of England Music Alliance)
- **School Milk**
- **Residential** Trips for Y4,5,6
- **Y6** leavers hoodies, book etc

Mrs Rich from our Office Team, Mrs Sage or Mrs Spincer are available if any parents need any advice or support. Please do get in touch.

Many thanks

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Mrs Sage - Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Spincer".

Mrs Spincer – Deputy Head