

Tuesday, 11 December 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Register now to make sure we don't both 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 Clifford Road Primary School will get £600 this year.

This money would be used to improve the educational benefit of pupils registered at the school, specifically those children for whom the funding is obtained.

Please register before the end of this term 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, you can pick up a form at the office.
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 around £350 a year), and the school gets £600
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 £600.

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 today or complete and return the attached form.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Wood
Head Teacher

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, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

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