

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

***Please register now to make sure we don't miss out***

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

**For every child registered Gipseley Bridge Academy gets £1320 additional funding annually.**

With this money we would benefit from additional resources and classroom support. This process is completely confidential and those receiving Free School Meal status are not publicised in any way.

**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.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – follow the instructions for the online FSM application process guidelines provided.
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 £475 a year) and the school gets £1320 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue to have packed lunches as normal – as long as you qualify, and are registered, the school still gets the Pupil Premium Payment.

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

### **Do you qualify?**

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

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400, 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.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit