



## Temple Grafton Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

You may be aware that the government is currently allocating additional funding to schools in the form of 'The Pupil Premium'. One of the criteria used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSMs). In common with most schools it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend TG fail to claim FSMs, even though they are entitled to them.

TG receives additional funding based on the number of children who receive FSMs, currently £1300 per pupil per year regardless of how many Free School Meals are claimed in a year. In fact, your child does not have to take up the meal for the school to receive the funding. **If you are eligible, please register and help us to secure this funding.**

I am writing to all parents and carers to ask them, if they believe that they may be entitled to claim FSMs for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim. As I am sure you will agree the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding. Go to our website for information on how our Pupil Premium Funding has been spent in the past. You will see what a vital source of funding this is to us.

In order to claim FSMs a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- family receives Income Support or Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance. Please note, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance does not qualify for free school meals (unless you receive both Income-based & Contribution-based JSA on an equal basis)
- family receives the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- family receives Child Tax Credit and has an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190. Please note, families who are also entitled to Working Tax Credit do not qualify to claim free school meals regardless of income.
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

**\*\*If you, your child or any member of your family have difficulty in accessing the school and/or the school's facilities and services,**

**please contact the School Office for assistance.\*\***

- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related). Please note, Contribution-Based E&SA does not qualify for free school meals (unless you receive both Income-based & Contribution-based ESA on an equal basis)

The meal will be the same as children not in receipt of a Free School Meal. Your child will be unaware that their meal is free.

## Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

You may also be aware that the government is, with effect from September, providing a Free School Meal for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. You may feel there is no need for you to register your child. **If you fail to register, the school will not attract Pupil Premium funding. It is very important to us that this registration process happens.**

If you think that you are eligible to apply for FSMs for your child, or your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and you think you are eligible to be on the register, please apply online via [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or come and talk to me in complete confidence and I will help you with the process.

Your help in maximising the school's funding will be greatly appreciated and we can assure you that your child will receive a healthy, balanced and tasty meal.

Yours sincerely

Clair Willies  
Finance Officer