



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

At Barrowby CE Primary School we are always looking for ways to ensure we support all of our families and keep up to date with government initiatives. Over the past few years there have been a number of new initiatives which relate directly to primary school children.

Free School Meals (FSM)

It is really important that **ALL our parents check to see if their children are eligible for Free School Meals** as if parents receive any of the following benefits, their child may qualify for a free school meal.

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- 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 guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see if you qualify.

Pupil Premium Grant

In addition to this, in April 2011, the Government introduced the Pupil Premium Grant. This money is allocated to schools for all children who are registered for **Free School Meals**, children who have been **looked-after** for more than 6 months by the Local Authority or in foster care and children with parents in the **Armed Forces**. Every school is able to decide how best to use the funding to impact on raising standards across the school.

If you qualify you would be able to access funding to subsidise milk, school meals, uniform, educational visits and experiences as well as providing Pastoral Support.

Universal Free School Meals (UFSM)

This is completely different to Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. In September 2014 the government introduced Universal Free School Meals. This entitles every pupil in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a free healthy hot lunch every day your child is in school.

Should you have any queries with the application process for **Free School Meals** or **the Pupil Premium, Looked After Premium or Service Premium** please contact the school office on 01476 566121 who will be happy to assist you with your queries.

Yours sincerely

Mr L Batey

