





St James' Blackburn Church of England Primary School

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CE Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr P. Morgan

Dear Parent/Carer

Currently, all KS1 children are offered a free healthy school lunch. Children in KS2 will also be offered a free school lunch if their parent(s) is receiving any of the welfare benefits listed overleaf, on average you could save £430 a year per child.

Registering could also fund extra support for your child(ren). Registering for free meals could raise extra money for your child's school, via Pupil Premium, to fund valuable support such as extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. In addition to this your child will be entitled to a free place at the breakfast club.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent(s) meets the criteria overleaf.

To apply you will need to complete an online form for the Local Authority – this form can be found on the Blackburn with Darwen website:

<https://mybwd.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Form%20Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

If you need further assistance, please contact our School Pastoral Lead, Mrs Rehman on 01254 698335.

Thank you for taking time to provide the information required and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Morgan
Headteacher

FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFITS

From the 6th April 2012 children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support (IS);
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance;
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (PCGC)
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; or
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed **£16,190**.
- Universal Credit and have an income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed **£7,400**.

If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to free school meals.