



Dear Parents

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals (FSM) means that the school gets extra money to enhance educational opportunities?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out

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

For every child registered Bitterne Manor receives £1320 this year.

Please note: all children in year R, 1 and 2 classes can enjoy a **UNIVERSAL** infant free school (UIFSM) meal but, if we don't know you **ALSO** receive certain benefits, we won't get this additional funding.

With this money we are able to offer supervised lunchtime clubs, nurture workshops and target small groups of children who need extra curriculum help by employing additional staff. We have also been able to assist families with the cost of residential trips. If you are registered for FSM you can also be offered some free uniform annually and free milk every day.

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you are receiving:

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

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.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look over the page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact the office who will help you to register.
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 £380 a year), free uniform and free milk and the school gets £1320 extra.
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 £1320 extra.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Adams
Headteacher