

Dear Parent/Carer,

In September 2014 the new nationwide scheme '**Universal Infant Free School Meals**' became available.

This will mean that **all children attending school in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2**, will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of income or eligibility for benefits.

By receiving free school meals you can save up to £400 a year and ensure your child is eating a healthy, balanced meal every day.

### How Universal Infant Free School Meals will affect Pupil Premium

In the 2015/16 financial year, schools will receive £1,300 for every primary-aged pupil registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years.

We'd like to remind you that if you are what the government terms 'on a low income' your child qualifies for free school meals. Students don't have to take our meals if they don't want to but, if they are on our Free School Meals register, then they qualify for all sorts of other financial benefits throughout the year.

When a student is on our Free School Meals register, the school receives extra money for that student which has to be spent only on the education of free school meals students. This extra money is called the Pupil Premium and its purpose is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances.

### Is my child eligible for Pupil Premium?

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding a Parent/Carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

You can apply online at:

[www.bristol.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/fsm)

Here you can either apply directly online or download a pdf and either scan and email it, or post it to:

Free School Meals  
Bristol City Council  
PO Box 3176  
Bristol BS3 9FS

### Other Information

Universal Infant Free School Meals **does not apply** to children attending Children's Centres or Nursery Schools. They will continue to receive free school meals only if they meet the existing eligibility criteria and are in receipt of full-time education or education both before and after the lunch period.

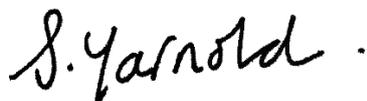
For children in Year 3 to Year 14 the Parent/Carer will continue to apply for free school meals based upon the eligibility criteria found on our website.

If you have any questions, or are unsure if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium you can contact Bristol City Council's Free School Meals Team on:

Tel: 0117 903 7990

Email: [free.school.meals@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:free.school.meals@bristol.gov.uk)

Kind Regards,



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