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IMPORTANT INFORMATION : FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We want to make sure that we are providing your child(ren) with the best education and support we can.

The Government provides additional funding to schools to support children whose families are in receipt of UK Benefits.

Apart from providing Free School Meals throughout a pupil's time at primary school, our school is able to support the child and their family in a number of different ways including uniform subsidy, help with paying for trips and other activities.

Purpose

The Pupil Premium is additional to main school funding and addresses any underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers. We ensure that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most. Holy Trinity School is free to spend the Pupil Premium in each child's best interest. The Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body is accountable for assessing what additional provision should be made to support individual pupils from lower-income families.

Service Premium

A premium is also provided for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces. This service premium is designed to address the emotional and social well-being of these pupils.

Results

The funding contributes towards additional staffing and resources to support higher attainment for lesser achieving children. This has been accomplished through provision of individualised interventions in small-group learning and one-to-one tuition. Rigorous assessment monitors pupil progress and this demonstrates the effective results of the Pupil Premium. It is particularly reflected in the excellent success of excellent strategies and interventions we have introduced to support children in both small groups and on a one-to-one basis. These have enabled children to achieve sustained, outstanding progress and the funding is assisting continuity of such programmes for the academic year 2021-22 and beyond.

How Can You Help?

We take very seriously the public monies entrusted to our school. Holy Trinity is a Primary school receiving low funding in the London Borough of Hillingdon during this financial year and the preceding three years. School funding is based on a formula which, among many other elements, includes the number of children who receive Free School Meals. **Even if your child does not wish to take Free School Meals, but is entitled to receive them, it is beneficial to the school and your family for the eligibility to be recorded.**

We cannot adequately emphasize how important this funding is to our school and urge all eligible families to register if appropriate.

Your child is eligible for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- 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 Pension Credit
- 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You can apply by clicking on the link below:

pps.lgfl.org.uk

(Select 'check eligibility', click proceed and select Hillingdon / Holy Trinity from drop down boxes and follow instructions/enter details requested.)

A Certificate of Eligibility is available through this website for any child eligible for a free school meal that is attending a school in England. The Certificate of Eligibility should be emailed to the school office at admin@holytrinitynorthwood.org.

Alternatively, please contact Mrs McCarthy in the School Office - by providing us with particular information (ie. your full name, date of birth and National Insurance Number along with details of your child), we can establish your eligibility.

Please be assured that all communication regarding this matter will be treated in complete confidence and with the utmost discretion and sensitivity.

Households with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)

On Thursday 24 March 2022, following a cross-government review, the Department for Education confirmed the permanent extension of free school meal eligibility to children in all households with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to maximum income thresholds.

Eligible groups include, but may not be limited to children of:

- Zambrano carers
- families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Chen carers
- families holding a [BN\(O\) passport](#)
- spousal visa holders
- work visa holders
- student visa holders
- those with no immigration status

The maximum income threshold differs based on your location and the number of children that your family has.

Under the permanent extension of free school meal eligibility to all NRPF groups, the annual household income thresholds for those families able to work are:

- £22,700 for families outside of London with 1 child
- £26,300 for families outside of London with 2 or more children
- £31,200 for families within London with 1 child
- £34,800 for families within London with 2 or more children

Whether or not a person will be considered within the London or the outside London threshold will be determined by the address of the family. If the family is living within the local authority of one of the 33 London boroughs, the London thresholds will apply. If the family does not live within one of these local authorities, the outer London thresholds will apply.

Families should complete a self-declaration of their income as part of their application.

To verify this, the school would ask to see one of the following:

- payslip
- P60
- bank statement
- letter from their bank
- letter from their employer
- letter from the local authority confirming support if applicable

If you are a family with NRPF and would like to apply for Free School Meals, please obtain a copy of the application form, including the self-declaration, from either Mrs McCarthy in the School Office or by downloading a copy via the following link:

[Application form for free school meals - NRPF Families](#)

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The school will use the information provided to verify your child(ren)'s eligibility and award free school meals.