



St George's

C of E Primary School & Nursery

'Everyone Matters, Everyone Achieves'

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Free School Meals

I am writing today to remind all parents to apply for free school meals if your circumstances have recently changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It may be that your child could now be entitled to a free school meal or a weekly £15 voucher if they are unable to attend school due to self-isolation.

All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are provided with a hot, nutritionally balanced meal at lunchtime at no cost to parents or carers if they are attending school (Universal Free School Meals).

It is also vitally important that schools know the children who are from families in receipt of certain benefits, regardless of which key stage they are in and whether they have a free meal or not. This is because part of our school funding is set by the number of children from families who are entitled to these benefits. The school receives a sum of money called the 'Pupil Premium' (currently worth £1345 per eligible child, per year) and this money is used by schools to:

- Employ additional teaching assistants in classrooms
- run intervention programmes to provide extra help or challenge for specific children
- buy resources to support learning
- support school visits such as Arthog residential in Year 6

Headteachers are concerned that the provision of Universal Free School Meals will mean that schools may not know about some children who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding and schools will lose out on vital money.

Our school can receive this funding if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- **Income Support.**
- **Jobseekers Allowance** (income-based)
- **Employment and Support Allowance** (income-related)
- **Pension Credit** (guaranteed credit)
- **Child Tax Credits** (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Universal Credit** (you must have less than £7,400 a year net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits))
- **Support** under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

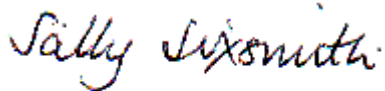


If parents do not apply for the additional funding, we may not be able to continue to provide all of these exciting opportunities for your children!

If you apply for Free School Meals and your application is successful, we will buy your child a free school jumper/cardigan.

Please email the school office admin@stgeorgesschool.org.uk where staff will gladly help you with the process or apply online by going to [Telford and Wrekin Council Apply for FSM](#)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Sixsmith". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mrs S. Sixsmith
Headteacher