



St White's Primary School

Challenge, Commit, Conquer and Celebrate



15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

To: Parents & Carers of children EYFS and KS1

### Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to a free school lunch under the "universal" free meal system.

Some families are entitled to benefits based Free School Meals. Generally, this is for families in receipt of Income Support, Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance, and other benefits such as Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit, with household earnings below certain levels. These children are also eligible for vouchers and activities during the holidays under the County Council "Holiday Activity & Food" Programme.

For every child who is eligible for benefits-based Free School Meals, the school receives an additional pot of money, called the Pupil Premium, from the Government. We use Pupil Premium money to pay for additional staff, equipment and in all sorts of other ways to support the children. We also use this money to pay for trips and clubs for FSM children.

So even though you don't have to pay for school lunches until children are in Year 3, if you think you could be eligible for FSM, we encourage you to make an application. It is a simple process, using your GCC gateway login (which you used to apply for a school place). There is more information including an alternative paper application form attached with this letter.

For more information, and to make an application please see Gloucestershire County Council website <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

We regularly help parents to make these applications, so if you would like a chat about the process and any help with completing the forms or applying online please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind Regards

Mrs Clare Tilling  
Head Teacher



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towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



"This is a good  
school."  
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