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Dear Parent /Carer

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding - Are you Eligible?

Have you checked if you qualify for free school meals?

In the current climate, many people's financial situations have changed and you may be eligible for financial support with the costs of school meals and other payments. If, after reading this letter, you think you may be eligible, please apply by visiting the 'Free School Meals' section of our website, under the parents tab.

School website page direct link - <https://www.stmichaelsmiddle.org/page/?title=Free+School+Meals&pid=26> .
Application form direct link - <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/wimborneacademytrust>

If approved, your child has the option to have a free school meal each school day. In addition to this the school will receive Pupil Premium funding which will be used to open up a range of support to your child. The specific support provided will depend on their individual circumstances and needs. We may also be able to help with some of the costs of school trips, school uniform and music tuition.

You might be able to get free school meals for your child if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- 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; this is as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: this is as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please see the attached information for more detail about how we use Pupil Premium money at St Michael's. Do get in touch if you have any questions regarding Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Pam Gould
SLT - Pupil Premium Lead





Pupil Premium at St Michael's Middle School

The Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children. The aim of this additional funding is to ensure pupils get access to strategies and opportunities to support them to reach their full potential. Where possible, the money will also be used to ensure that financial constraints do not cause any child to miss out on accessing the same opportunities as their peers e.g. residential, music tuition and other extra-curricular opportunities.

At St Michael's there are a range of strategies/interventions that may be offered to your child if they are in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding. This will depend on their individual circumstance/needs.

Some of these include:

- Extra Tuition in Maths or English with our specialist tutors who are qualified teachers.
- Extra intervention sessions with teachers or teaching assistants.
- Individualised support from our pastoral team e.g. for emotional support.
- Support with school trips - we aim to pay 50% towards trips and residential for any families in receipt of pupil premium funding who request this support. Please request this support each time a trip is on offer so that we can activate this reduction.
- Support in paying for musical instrument lessons (50%)
- School uniform grants every two years (£65) - see our website or ask the office for the forms to claim this grant.
- Attendance services support.
- Support with ICT e.g Chromebook loans where there is no other device in the house.
- Support with before school club funding
- Access to other opportunities that arise

If you have any questions about the funding and what we are doing for your child then please do get in touch with us by phoning the school office on 01202 883433 or email office@stmichaelsmiddle.org

All schools are required to publish, on their websites, the funding they have received and how the money is being spent.

Please visit our school website for more details:

<https://www.stmichaelsmiddle.org/>

Collecting a Free School Meal from the Canteen

Pupils who are eligible for a free school meal are able to have food from the canteen up to a value of £2.85 per day. This cost covers the meal deal option: hot meal of the day, the cake of the day and a small juice carton. A pupil may also choose a different option e.g. pizza, pasta option or a cold sandwich but this will be more expensive than the meal deal. A price list of the food in the canteen is available on the school website.

To use your free school meal allocation, you simply go to the tills in the canteen and either swipe your card or give the till operator your name. There is no need to tell them you are having a free school meal, this is already on the system. Please note that free school meal money is for use at lunchtime and pupils will need separate funds on their cards if they wish to purchase morning snacks.