



## St Michael's C.E. Middle School

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### **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding - Are you eligible?**

Dear Parents / Carers,

#### **Have you checked if you qualify for free school meals?**

In the current climate, many people's financial situations have changed; if 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 accepted, your child does not have to take up the free school meal each day, but the school will receive pupil premium funding which will allow us to help you with the costs of school trips, school uniform and music tuition, as well as opening up a range of interventions to your child depending on their individual circumstances and needs.

#### **You might be able to get free school meals for your child if you get 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

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Academy



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### **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 who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. Nationally, the statistics show that students who are in receipt of FSM may do less well than their peers in external exams. The aim of this money is to try to close that attainment gap and ensure all pupils are able to reach their full potential. The money should 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.
- School uniform grants every two years (£65)
- Attendance services support.
- Support with ICT e.g. Chromebook loans
- 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 Mrs Pam Gould by phoning the school office on 01202 883433 or by email [pgould@stmichaelsmiddle.org](mailto:pgould@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:

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