

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to our Inclusion Officer Mrs. Julie Young on 01332 766815 or email j.young@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk

External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

Apply for free school meals, GOV.UK
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link.

Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings>

*Free £10 Intu Voucher
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application for Pupil
Premium!*

Free school meals and the Pupil Premium

St George's Catholic
Voluntary Academy



All children up to the end of Year 2 receive a free school meal anyway so why should I apply for Free School Meals now?

For every family who successfully applies for free school meals, the school will receive £1,320 in additional funding per child for the year. Last year, our academy received £138,500 from this income stream, with 30% of our pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium.

This money has enabled us to:

- Fund or part fund Pupil Premium pupils to go on trips and residential visits.
- Buy in specialist subject teachers for Music, Art, DT, ICT, PE and French.
- Provide booster classes and one to one tuition for pupils falling behind.
- Fund free places at Breakfast Club and After School Club where necessary.
- Early Years interventions.
- Employ a full time Inclusion Officer to support children and their families.
- Run afternoon nurture sessions to enable targeted pupils to access the curriculum through improved life skills.
- Quality mentoring by senior leaders.

Will we qualify for Pupil Premium?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

Who will know whether we are in receipt of the Pupil Premium?

- Only the School Admin Team and Senior Leadership Team will know that your child is in receipt of free school meals. The Senior Leadership and Admin Team need this information so that they can plan how best to use the money to support our pupils.

How is the pupil premium funding used?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our Pupil Premium funding on our website www.stgeorgescatholicacademy.co.uk

How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals.
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch.

How to register for free school meals

You will find an application form in your new starters pack. Please complete this and send it to Derby City Council, to the address stated on the form. Additional forms can be obtained from the office. If you require any assistance, please contact our Inclusion Officer – Mrs Julie Young on 01332 766815 or j.young@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk