



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best; this money is called Pupil Premium Funding. **For every child registered for Free School Meals, Goodmayes Primary School receives this additional funding, which is very important in order for the school to provide further opportunities and support for children who are on Free School Meals.**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Free School Meal. However, if your child is in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 2** and you are in receipt of one of listed qualifying benefits **it is still important that you register online for Free School Meals to enable the school to receive the additional Pupil Premium Funding.** If your child is in **Year 3 or above** and you receive one of the listed qualifying benefits, you should make an application for Free School Meals.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

All parents are strongly advised to check their entitlement to receive **Free School Meals**. If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits, you may be eligible for Free School Meals:

- **Income Support**
- **Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance**
- **Income related Employment Support Allowance**
- **Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Guarantee element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of no more than £16,190). Working Tax Credit is a disqualifying benefit regardless of your household income – this means that you would not be entitled to Free School Meals whilst in receipt of Working Tax Credit.
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- **Universal Credit** (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

For more information regarding Free School Meals or to register online for Free School Meals, please visit www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/free-school-meals.

If you require help with your online application, please come to the School Office with your National Insurance Number and email address and we will be happy to assist you.