



## 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**, the cost of the meal is currently covered by the Mayor's office.

Please note that during school closures, your child would **not** receive **Free School Meal Vouchers** unless they have registered and been accepted 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 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** (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- **Universal Credit** - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/free-school-meals).