

## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### **Are you thinking about applying for Free School Meals for your child?**

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the school year gets back into full swing, we wanted to highlight the importance of applying for the pupil premium funding, and if eligible, the support that it can provide you and your child within the school setting.

#### **I'm not sure if my child is eligible for Free School Meals?**

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=96T2gCAk10A>

The link provided above can be used to identify whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals. If you read the guidance and believe that you are, there is also a weblink on the page that can be used to apply. Applications are made on the South Gloucestershire Council website and not through the school.

#### **My child is in Reception or KS1 and already receive Free School Meals, do I need to apply?**

Even if your child is in Reception or KS1, it is still strongly recommended to apply for Free School Meals and there are two reasons for this. Firstly, once your child enters Year 3, the Universal Free School Meals that they had been receiving will stop. Therefore, for your child to continue having Free School Meals, an application would have had to be accepted through the South Gloucestershire Council, using the link above. Secondly, if you apply for Free School Meals and are accepted, the school receives an annual payment (called Pupil Premium) which can go towards supporting your child's education as they progress through their time at St Chad's. The purpose of the Pupil Premium is to support academic development and of course the school will not hold cash onsite.



### **Are you still running the free £100 scheme?**

Yes we are! If you are eligible and sign up, your child will also be provided with £100 from the school. This £100 can be used for a range of school based things, including:

- Trips during school time or after school where a donation is asked for by the school.
- School camp.
- Payment of after / before school clubs.
- Any activity in school where a donation is asked for, such as a visitor to the classroom, Languages Breakfast etc.
- School uniform to be purchased from Initially Yours where we have negotiated a payment procedure and where you are able to purchase logoed items.

**Finally, even if you applied before, a change in financial income due to Covid-19 may mean that you are now able to apply. Therefore, it may be worth taking five minutes to check again.**

**If you have any further questions about applying for Free School Meals, or about the Pupil Premium, please do not hesitate to get in touch.**

Thank you once again for your continued support

Kind Regards

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