

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS & PUPIL PREMIUM INFO

A guide for Parents / Carers



## WHO QUALIFIES FOR FSM?

If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) for your child:

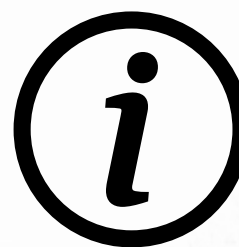
- Income Support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999
- Guarantee Element of State Pension credit
- Child tax credit with an annual household income of less than £16,900 and do not get working tax credit

If any of these apply to you, please see below!

## WHAT IS PUPIL PREMIUM?

Pupil Premium is the money schools receive for every child in School who has Free School Meals.

The money is monitored by the Local Authority and is spent on school resources for Teaching & Learning, subsidising school trips, staffing for those children that require additional support.



## NEXT STEPS!

Apply online at: <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/532> or scan QR code!

What you will need to complete the form:

- Your contact details
- Your date of birth and national insurance details or Home Office Reference (formerly NASS / AS reference)
- Details of your partner, if applicable

Use camera to scan QR code



## FURTHER INFORMATION!

### FAQ

#### **'My child doesn't enjoy school dinners, is there any point in applying?'**

Yes, you can send your child with a packed lunch from home but still apply. This will ensure that we receive Pupil Premium (PP) funding to buy resources for school, subsidise school trips etc.

#### **'I need support in filling in the form or I cannot access a device to fill in the application form'**

No problem, speak to our school reception who would be more than happy to help.

#### **'Do I need to re-apply each year?'**

No! It will automatically renew throughout school.

#### **'I have more than one child, should I fill out an application for each child?'**

Yes!

#### **'What if I live outside of Rotherham?'**

Please apply for FSM via Rotherham MBC, not your local council.

#### **'My child is in the Infants and accesses Universal Infant Free School Meals, is it still worth applying?'**

Yes, Universal Infant Free Schools meals only applies whilst your child is in Key Stage 1, FSM entitlement would ensure that this continues into Key Stage 2.

Thank you for your support!