



# Northfield St. Nicholas Primary Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Pupil Premium, Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals

We have recently been made aware that there are a number of families who are eligible for free school meals but not claiming. We strongly recommend that you apply now as there is protection for those found to be eligible whilst Universal Credit is being rolled out. This protection extends until the end of the school phase they are currently in regardless of any change in your circumstances. For example, if your child is now in Reception and you are found to be eligible, they will stay in receipt of free school meals until your child is in year 6.

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. At Northfield St Nicholas Primary Academy, we get an extra £1,320 for the 2019/20 financial year for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer. This funding is then received every year your child is with us. Saving you nearly £450 per year on school meals.

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit 4 week run on
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) is currently given to pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and pupil premium. This is totally different and goes on age rather than economic circumstances and does not attract funding for your child. You can still claim for free school meals if your child is in these year groups. Receiving free school meals not only means that you don't have to pay for a dinner each day, but the funding that this attracts can be used in many other ways to benefit your child, the school and you as a family. This may include extra tuition or small group work where needed, or paying towards trips or residential trips if required.

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Please do still apply even if your child is in Reception, year 1 or 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

**Does my child have to eat the free school meals?** No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

**How do I register?** You only need to register once at the school.

**Applying online only takes a few minutes and is easy. If you are unable to access at home, then we can help within school.**

Visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or call 0345 606 6067 for more information.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Wright  
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