



# Balcombe C E (C) School

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Dear Parents

***Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money to support your child, whether they have a meal or not!***

***Register now to make sure your child and the school don't miss out***

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

**For every child registered Balcombe School is given £1320 into its budget.**

**We do not receive the additional funding unless you apply even though KS1 children are already provided with a free meal. If you receive any of the benefits listed, registering could bring extra income to help the school provide additional support and financial help for your child.**

**Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.**

## **How does it work?**

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so **please look at the list below**.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, apply online via the WSCC web site using the link below:  
[West Sussex County Council: Free school meals](#)
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you money) and the school gets £1320 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school **still** gets £1320 extra.

***Registration is confidential and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.***

***If you need help, please speak confidentially to Lara Power, the school Bursar.***

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Millbanks  
Headteacher

## **Do you qualify?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

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| • Income Support  | • Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance            |
| • Income-related Employment and Support Allowance   | • Working Tax Credit 'run-on'                   |
| • Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999  | • Universal Credit                              |
| • Child Tax Credit (with no working tax credit) and an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 | • The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit |