



St Edmund's and St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Pupil premium and free school meals – please check eligibility.

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, the school will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

Your child will also receive:

- One free set of standard uniform each school year and in addition every other year they will receive a PE hoodie and joggers
- Discounted trips/music tuition
- One free afterschool club each term

Free School Meals should not be confused with Universal infant free school meals.

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals, you should still register so the school can receive the extra pupil premium funding to benefit your child.

Your child does not have to eat the free school meals if registered. If your child is eligible but you would like them to have packed lunches you should still register to ensure they receive the additional funding and extra benefits.

To check if you are eligible go to <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/> where they will check your entitlement securely via the government's benefits database. The online check will only identify whether you are entitled to free school meals; no other information is revealed. To do this, you will need to provide your Surname, Date of Birth and National Insurance number or National Asylum Seeker Service reference number.

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

"We learn together in God's love by encouraging and supporting one another."



The pupil premium funding makes a real difference to the quality of education we can offer. For more information about how we spend our pupil premium funding please visit our website.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the school office on 01284 755141 or email office@st-edmunds.suffolk.sch.uk.

Kind regards

School Office