

# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Free School Meal Entitlement and Additional Funding for School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each January the DfE require us to complete a school census on which our future year's funding is based. This year the census will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Any children attending our school on this date who are eligible to claim free school meals will attract additional funding of £1320 per eligible pupil, which makes a significant difference to the resources we are able to provide for all our children. With this in mind we are asking families who are eligible to register their claim as soon as possible before the census date, and let us know when they have done so.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related 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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (see information on new eligibility criteria at <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/benefit-grants/free-school-meals.aspx>)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

**Even if your child is in Reception to Year 2 and gets universal free school meals, we ask you to register a claim if you are eligible to because this attracts extra funding for school and resources for your child. Further advice can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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