



Great Horwood Church Of England Combined School

School End, Great Horwood, Bucks, MK17 0RG

Headteacher: Mrs Paula Shaw

Our Christian School values: Love, Perseverance and Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that your school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we 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 for Free School Meals at Great Horwood School, the school receives £1300.**

With this money the school could provide additional support for your child to help with specific areas of learning, support with costs for educational visits, or purchase specific resources to help your child with their learning.

Please register 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 on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you may qualify, please complete the attached form and hand into the school office. Your details will be sent to Bucks County Council via a secure portal and they will confirm if you are eligible. If you are, there is nothing more to do other than decide if your child would like to take up the 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 more than £350 a year) and the school gets £1300.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can have packed lunches – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1300.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Paula Shaw
Headteacher



Do you qualify?

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

- 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 Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit except if you meet ANY of the following criteria –
 - i) entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
 - ii) have an annual income in excess of £16,190 (Please note that this figure is for April 2013 and that it changes in April each year).
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Think you do? Please complete the details below and hand in to the school office.

Pupil Premium & Free School Meal Eligibility Check

Name of Child: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Parent's Date of Birth: _____

National Insurance No.: _____