



# Harrietsham Church of England Primary School

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## Free School Meals

**Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money for your child's education?**

**- Register now to make sure that your child doesn'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, Harrietsham Church of England Primary School will receive extra funding. This funding will be used to improve your child's education and the offer that we can provide them. This funding will continue for each child that has been on the register at any point during their time at the school, even if they are no longer entitled to Free School Meals.

If you are eligible for free school meals you will also be entitled to any Free School Meals Vouchers that the government authorise to cover lunches during the school holidays.

### How does it work?

- First, check if you qualify - it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below
- Registering is really quick and easy - if you think you qualify contact the school office or go online at [www.kent.gov.uk/education\\_and\\_learning/school\\_education/school\\_meals/free\\_meals.aspx](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education_and_learning/school_education/school_meals/free_meals.aspx)
- 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 get their extra funding.
- If you don't want your child to have the school meal they can continue as normal - as long as you qualify and are registered the school still gets the extra money.

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

### Am I eligible?

- In England, children in state-funded schools are entitled to additional funding if their parents or carers are in receipt of any of the following benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- During the initial roll of the benefit, Universal Credit

Alternatively, please provide the school with the following information and we can make an application on your behalf to see whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

Parent / Carer's name	
Parent / Carer's date of birth	
Parent / Carer's national insurance number	
Child's name	
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