

Wales Primary School

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Dear Parents,

As you are aware with the current economic climate, school budgets are becoming ever tighter. With the nature of our school's split site, we have to manage our budget stringently to ensure that your child receives the best possible education in the best possible environment during their journey through Wales Primary School.

If your child is in EYFS and Key Stage 1, you will receive a free school meal which is funded by the government. However, you can still apply for free school meals through Rotherham Borough Council. If you meet the criteria our school can access Pupil Premium funding of £1320 per child, per year.

Pupil Premium is funding given to schools to help to support disadvantaged pupils and to help to close the gap in attainment between these pupils and their peers. It is allocated to schools for every pupil who has been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years and for children looked after or adopted, special guardianship, residence order and children of Service Personnel.

At Wales, we endeavour to use the funding so that all our children can access additional provision; extra in class support; interventions to consolidate and extend learning; enrichment experiences and extra-curricular opportunities.

As outlined on the Rotherham Borough Council website, your child is eligible for Free School Meals if you get one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related 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 you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 (as of 2014 financial year) 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



If you think that you are eligible, you can either complete the form online at: http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits_and_support/104/apply_for_free_school_meals. Alternatively, visit our Office staff to book an appointment and we will complete the form with you at a time that is convenient for you.

I hope that you will see the benefit of applying for free school meals as it allows us to provide more opportunities for your child to develop and excel academically and as an individual.

If you require any more information, please have no hesitation in contacting me at school to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A. Bramall

