

17th December 2018



Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

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

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School, the extra money that is received for every pupil registered for free school meals can make a real difference to the quality of education offered throughout the school.

For example, pupil premium funding has previously been used for:

- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- Academic support with Maths & English
- Academic interventions
- Specialist Tutoring
- Homework Support Club
- Educational Visits/Music fees/Courses

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

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 are 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)

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Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the Essex County Council Free School Meals Application website by following the link

<https://forms.essex.gov.uk/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=ezuYezDPCbJ&HideAll=1>

More information

Information regarding how pupil premium funding has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year may be found on the school's website – School Life / School Policies / Pupil Premium.

Yours faithfully

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