

Kirkby on Bain Church of England Primary School

'Learning together for life'



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Dear Parent/Carer

PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

With effect from September 2018, a new system to process free school meals has been introduced whereby parents are able to apply online via a Parent Portal using the following link:

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

A pupil premium grant is provided to schools for all eligible pupils. This funding is used to support schools in raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to assist them in reaching their potential. Schools spend this funding to maximise the educational benefit and health and wellbeing of pupils registered. The amount received by each school is determined by the number of eligible pupils on roll. If you feel you may be eligible please see details below and follow the attached instructions.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- **Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)**
- **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 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**

From 1 April 2018 all existing free school meals claimants will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out (currently scheduled to complete in March 2022). This will apply even if circumstances change and their earnings rise above the new threshold during the rollout period.

Hope, Peace, Friendship, Forgiveness, Respect and Trust

In addition, any child who gains eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will also continue to receive free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period. This protection is referred to as transitional protection. The transitional protections are in place on an individual child basis not on a family basis. This means that younger children will not become entitled to free school meals simply because their older sibling is in receipt of the transitional protections. The younger child must meet the eligibility criteria at the time the application is made.

If you have any questions please see Mrs Hibberd at the School Office.

Yours sincerely

Georgina Day

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Headteacher