



# St. Joseph's Roman Catholic High School

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Dear Parents

As you will be aware, the Government have continued with Pupil Premium Funding. This is additional targeted income on top of the existing funding provided to schools, calculated on the number of pupils from low income families on the school roll. This funding is specifically targeted at narrowing the national attainment gap between pupils from low income families and their peers.

What does this mean for us and your child?

Ultimately, if we were able to increase the number of children recorded as eligible for Pupil Premium, we will have more funding available to put things into place to enable your child to make the best progress possible. For example we will:

- Have more money for classroom resources and additional classroom support.
- Be able to offer more opportunities for additional targeted 1 to 1 tuition of pupils
- Increase the availability of small group work for pupils
- Offer financial support for pupils on school visits, residential visits, individual music lessons and school uniform.

All students who are receiving or have received income based free school meals in the last 6 years are entitled to receive pupil premium funding. This is additional funding to support your child in school. It is currently £935 per year, Schools also receive £1,900 for each pupil who has left local-authority care. If you or your partner are working for our military services your child's school is automatically entitled to £300 per year to help us provide the extra support your child may need.

**If you feel that you satisfy any of the criteria above please inform the school office.**

Please see below the criteria for successfully claiming for free school meals for your child:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based (not contribution-based) Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit.
- Income-related employment and support allowance.
- Financially supported by NASS (National Asylum Support Service).
- Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.
- Child Tax Credit except if you meet ANY of the following criteria –
  - entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
  - have an annual income in excess of £16,190

Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school lunch.





If you feel you satisfy these criteria simply download an application form by following the link found below. Your application will be processed by the LA. Successful applicants will be entitled to the following:

- Free school lunch
- Pupil premium funding for the next 6 years of your child's education.

For more information or to download an application form visit

<http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/Pages/Freeschoolmealsandschoolclothingallowance.aspx>

Yours Sincerely

Mr T McCabe  
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