



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF  
KENSINGTON  
AND CHELSEA



## Free School Meals – Pupil Premium.

### Parents and Carers of pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2 (KS1),

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families to do their best. This funding is called “Pupil Premium”. From April 2014, schools will receive £1,300 for each pupil who qualifies, by registering your child for Free School Meals (FSM's) means the School gets extra money..

Research has shown that healthy free school meals improve children's learning and productivity, whilst saving you money in tough times.



### Registering could raise money for your child's school.

It is important to sign up for free school meals as registering could also raise an extra £1,300 for your child's school from central government, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, learning assistants or after school clubs. Even if you don't want your child to receive a free meal, we would encourage you to register for free school meals so their school receives as much funding as possible.

### **Changes From September 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Universal Free Schools Meals (UFSM) for all Reception and KS1 pupils**

Although all pupils in these age groups will be receiving a free school meal under the Government's new initiative it is important as a parent /carer of pupils in these year groups to still apply for FSM's by submitting your claim as usual in order for the school to receive the **very important and essential Pupil Premium funding** from the Government.

## **How the information you provide will be used.**

The information you provide will be used by the Council to claim extra grant money from the government to pay for free school meals, sports funding and other things, like music and after school activities. This information helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year too.

## **Do you qualify for Free School Meals?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you receive one of these benefits:-

- 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 the State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HR Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

## **How can I get an application form?**

- For pupils attending a school in the *Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea* – Please contact your child's school for an application form and further details.
- For pupils attending a school in the *London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham* – Please download an application form available from [www.lbhf.gov.uk/contact\\_counciltax\\_benefits](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/contact_counciltax_benefits) or call 0208 753 6681
- For pupils attending a school in *Westminster City Council* – Application forms are available from all Westminster schools or Pupil Benefits at [www.westminster.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/fsm)  
You can also call 0207 641 3412.

### **Parents carers of children in Reception and KS1 Pupils**

**Your child will receive a free meal regardless of completing a form. However, for the school to access this Government Pupil Premium funding, the application form must be completed and submitted.**