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IMPORTANT

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR EXTRA FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL?

Please note that if you are in receipt of the following qualifying benefits for free school meals, you will need to register for 'Free School Meals' in order for the school to receive additional funding in the form of Pupil Premium. This is used to support your child with extra support and activities such as:-

- School uniform grant
- Funding towards music tuition
- Funding towards school trips

To qualify, you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:-

- Income Support
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income that does not exceed £16,190
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If 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 also entitled to free school meals.

You may apply via the Dorsetforyou.com website - typing free school meals into the search box. This will take you to the information page which refers to UIFSM and Pupil Premium. This page also has links on how to apply and the eligibility process. You can enquire directly about entitlement to Free School Meals Pupil Premium Funding on 01305 221000 (you will need to provide your National Insurance number and will then be told if your child is eligible for the funding). **Alternatively, you can complete the attached form and we will check your eligibility on your behalf.**

The funding contributes to the cost of extra activities and staff support in each classroom. If you have any queries, please speak to the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Adorian
Headteacher

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOLFREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY CHECK

TITLE	
SURNAME	
FORENAME	
EMAIL	
ADDRESS	
YOUR DATE OF BIRTH	
YOUR NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER	
CHILD'S FORENAME & SURNAME	
CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH	

DECLARATION

I confirm that I am happy for an on-line application to be made on my behalf through the Dorset Direct website, to determine if my child is eligible for free school meals. I understand that the information given will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be used for this purpose.

Signed..... **Date**.....

Name (block capitals).....

Please hand this form into the school office.

OFFICE USE ONLY			
Date form received		Eligibility	YES/NO
Date check completed		Completed by	
Parent informed			