



## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS & PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING ELIGIBILITY CHECK**

While your child has been attending First School they have been entitled to non means tested Universal **Free** School Meals; this is **not** the case now they have reached KS2 where entitlement to free school meals is benefit based.

You must be in receipt of one of the below benefits to be eligible for a Free School Meal for your child/children.

- Income Support
- Employment & Support Allowance – Income related
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (NOT Contribution Based JSA)
- Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190 per annum as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs). **Please note, anyone receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of income, will NOT qualify for FSMs.**
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit

Each child who is eligible for free school meals, or has been within 6 years, brings additional funding to the school. This is called **Pupil Premium**.

Bushfield is now able to check and collect information regarding Free School Meals and Pupil Premium through Capita. You can register to find out if your child is eligible by following the link below.

The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a home computer, smartphone or hand held device. It is easy to register all you need is *your name, address, phone number, national insurance number and email address*, which you can enter at the website. Or you can just put in your Free School Meal application number if you have one.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

If you qualify, please show the Application Summary to the school office on your smartphone or print a copy for the school.

Please come and see us in the school office if you have any problems registering.

Thank you for your co-operation.