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**FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD**

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION**

Although your child is not eligible for Universal Free School Meals at St George’s you can still apply for free school meals online. You should complete a short form using the links below and, if you are successful, they will also be eligible for a subsidy called Pupil Premium. This means that St George’s will receive extra funding to support your child.

**Am I Eligible for Free School Meals?**
If as parents/guardians/carers you receive one of the following, you may be able to claim for Free School Meals.

* Income Support
* Income based Jobseekers Allowance
* Income related Employment and Support Allowance
* The Guaranteed element of Pension Credit
* Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400.00 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent consecutive assessment periods)
* NASS support under section 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (Nass reference required from Home office/border office letter stating NASS support has been granted)
* Child tax credits provided you are not also entitled to working tax credits and have an annual gross income (as assessed by HMRC) of no more than £16190.00
* Working tax credits run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credits.

You can also claim if a child:

* has been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
* has been adopted from care in England or Wales
* has left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

More information can be viewed on the links below.

**Free School Meals Helpline – 0151 606 2002**

<https://ww3.wirral.gov.uk/ECS/scripts/ECSMain.asp?nextpageid=DisplayIntroDetails>

Yours sincerely



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