



# STAMFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Eligibility

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are aware that a growing number of children may now be eligible for free school meals and pupil premium funding in school. This may mean that your child could not only have a free school meal each day, but they could also be eligible for additional funding and support with their academic attainment and personal wellbeing up to the value for £1,385.00 per year; in the past, this money has been used to provide 1:1 academic support, individual music lessons, small group swimming lessons and access to extra-curricular school-run clubs.

A child may be eligible for free school meals (FSM) if their parents are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parents are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax credit

It is important to note that, even if your child is eligible, they can still continue to bring a packed lunch, if they wish to.

### How do I register?

In order to make the process easier, the school has invested in an Online Free School Meal Checker. The system allows for you to check your FSM eligibility online, without having to complete a paper copy. The link to the online applications system can be found at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-trafford>

You will need to provide your own date of birth, contact details, National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seekers' Number, Child's name and date of birth and school details. **Please note, you will need to select **Stamford Park Primary School** as the school name and not Stamford Park Infant School, as the system still has not updated to remove the Infant School option.**

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Price

