

## St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

### Universal Free School Meals for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Dear Parent/Guardian,

To assist with planning for September, it would really help if you could complete the details below:

1. Will you be taking up the option of Universal Free School Meals from September?

*Please circle as appropriate.*

Yes      No      Not sure

Name of child(ren).....

2. Are you, do you think you are, eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium (see below for criteria)?

Yes      No      Not sure

Parents can check their eligibility by visiting [www.myschoollunch.co.uk/hampshire](http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/hampshire) and following the links to 'Free School Meals'.

3. If you would like the school to check on your behalf, please complete the details below

Parent's name .....

Parent's date of birth .....

Parent's National Insurance Number .....

***Hampshire County Council complies with the Data Protection Act 2018 and your data will only be used for processing this application.***

Pupil Premium is only payable to those children whose parents meet the eligibility criteria, but is important for schools to make use of all available resources to support your child. For every eligible child the school will receive £1300.00 per year to improve learning.

#### **Free school meals criteria**

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- 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)

No other benefits qualify for free school meals from Key Stage 2 (years 4, 5, 6) or for the pupil premium for Key Stage 1 (years 1, 2, 3).