



St Michael's CE (VC) Primary School  
Somerville Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH2 5LH

Tel: 01202 290497 Fax: 01202 311416

email: [stmichaelsce@bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:stmichaelsce@bournemouth.gov.uk) website: [www.stmichaelsceprimary.uk.org](http://www.stmichaelsceprimary.uk.org)

8 November 2013

Dear Parents and Carers

*Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?*

*Register now to make sure we don't miss out*

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

**For every child registered our School gets £600 this year.**

With this money we could provide additional small group and one-to-one support so that more children, who need it, will reach their full potential in English, Mathematics and other subjects.

If you are registered for Free School Meals you also get:

- £30 per school year toward the cost of school uniform
- subsidised musical instrument lessons (e.g. guitar, flute, violin etc.)
- help with the cost of school trips (including the Year 6 residential) and after school clubs such as YAF.

Please register before Christmas to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

**If your child is already receiving free school meals you will be sent a letter asking you to provide evidence that you are still eligible. Please return this to the address provided by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December as your Free School meals will be cancelled if you do not do so. It is NOT necessary for you to complete another application form.**

Cont.



### HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Goodall, in the school office, who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £400 a year) as well as extra benefits and the school gets £600 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £600 extra.

***No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.***

### Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, **provided they are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit  
If you are entitled to Working Tax Credit you are NOT eligible for Free School Meals

***An application form is attached - please talk to us about registering your child today.***

Yours sincerely,

Robert Kennedy  
Head Teacher