

Dear Parents/Carers

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that Chace gets extra money to support your child's learning even if they do not use their entitlement?

Register now to make sure we do not miss out

It is more important than ever that all families who are entitled to free school meals register their entitlement. The Government is allocating 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 for free school meals Chace will receive extra pupil premium funding.

Free school meals are a valuable social benefit and the advantage of our cashless catering online payment "ParentPay" system is that there is no longer a stigma attached to receiving FSM. If you are registered for Free School Meals your child will also benefit from free or reduced costs such as school trips.

Please register your child to make sure s/he and others in their class don't miss out. How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please check the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, download the application form from www.enfield.gov.uk or contact the London Borough of Enfield on **0208 379 5367** to help you to register.
3. We recommend that your child make use of the entitled free, healthy meal at lunchtime, saving you more than £350 a year.
4. If your child does not want to take up the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, Chace still gets the pupil premium for your child.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you might claim.

How do I/we qualify for FSM?

In order to be eligible the parent/carer should be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Assisted as an Asylum Seeker under part 6 of the Immigration Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also receiving Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs (this figure is updated each year from 6th April)
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

For more information about Free School Meals please contact the Civic Centre on 020 8379 5367.