

# The Alderton Infant School

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Dear Parents,

All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are currently eligible for FREE school meals. This is good news because pilot studies have clearly shown significant benefits for children.

- Children eat more healthily
- They perform better academically
- Behaviour is improved
- Concentration is better, particularly during afternoon school
- Attendance rates increase and there is less illness

Parents currently spend almost £1 billion a year on packed lunches, so the introduction of a free school meal for your child will save you money! Moreover, a study in 2010 showed that just 1% of packed lunches met basic dietary needs. All children deserve a healthy, lunchtime meal and well-nourished children fare better at school. We hope you take up the opportunity.

However, families on low incomes are asked to continue to complete a free school meal registration form. We need you to do this because all schools must continue to collect data to protect the pupil premium funding we receive from the government.

Pupil premium funding makes a big difference and this year we received £1300 for each child registered. Our school has successfully used the money to subsidise exciting curriculum opportunities, including some free clubs. We also run a wide range of interventions to support English and maths, speech therapy, language and communication groups and family support.

Please help us help your child. Parents or carers receiving the following benefits enable the school to receive much needed funding. Please be sure to register with our office today!

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance
- Working Tax credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (during initial roll out)
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of less than £16,190
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Yours sincerely,

S A Dalby