



# Welton St. Mary's

## Church of England Primary Academy

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School Drive Welton Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 3LA

### Free school meals

There are 2 types of free school meals that children receive in school.

### Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

The government provide a grant to Welton St. Mary's so that **every** child in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 receives a school meal that is free of charge. As parents or carers we ask that you order this meal from our hot school meal provider- Good Lookin Cookin - on their website as there are a number of menu choices for each day.

<https://www.goodlookincookin.co.uk/> Register for an account and add your children to the account.

Please ensure that your order is placed by 10pm on a Wednesday for the following week. Good Lookin Cookin are unable to accept orders after this deadline.

If your child is ill on a day that a meal has been ordered, please contact Good Lookin Cookin before 9am to cancel (01522) 500779

If your child has a food allergy, please contact Good Lookin Cookin to discuss their requirements.

If you do not order a meal then your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them from home.

### Pupil Premium Free School meals.

Any child in Foundation Stage, KS 1 and KS 2, children may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- 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 guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

You have to apply for Pupil Premium free school meals through the County Council website.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>





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Pupil Premium is not just about free school meals. The school receives a grant for each child that is receipt of pupil premium funding and this money is carefully allocated to improve both attainment and achievement and pupil well-being. You can read about where the pupil premium grant allocation is spent on our school website. The spend is carefully planned for each year and usually provides

- Extra one-to-one or small-group support for children within the classroom.
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work with classes.
- Running catch-up sessions for children
- Providing extra resources for able children.
- Providing music lessons for children whose families would be unable to pay for them.
- Funding educational trips, visits and workshops
- Providing support from our learning mentor.
- Paying for additional learning programmes to support speech and language.
- Investing in resources that boost children's learning, such as laptops or tablets.

**We would urge all parents to apply for the funding as whilst you may not be entitled at the moment, should personal circumstances change, you would be informed, as would school, if your child became entitled.**

### Frequently asked questions

*Because my Foundation Stage, Year 1 or Year 2 child receives a free meal anyway, why should I apply for Pupil Premium Funding?*

When a parent applies for free school meals, they are asked for their National Insurance number. If at any point earnings drop below the threshold that is set, they will be informed of their eligibility. In the event of a change in circumstances, applying for free school meals may be low on the priority list for families who suddenly find themselves in difficult times and therefore families miss out on this benefit. If you think that you might be eligible please do check.

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The school receives a pupil premium grant for every child who is eligible for pupil premium free school meals. This grant is used to support children's learning in school. More information about how the school uses the Pupil Premium Grant can be found on our school website.

<https://weltonstmarysacademy.co.uk/pupil-premium/>





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We would actively encourage parents to apply for Pupil Premium free school meals to see if you are eligible

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*Will others know that I have applied?*

As a school we do not receive information about your application, just your child's name if they are eligible. This information is treated sensitively and children are not aware of which children are in receipt of the pupil premium grant.

*Are there any other additional benefits?*

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, additional schemes are sometimes available such as the voucher scheme that is currently running to support families during school holidays with food shopping. At the current time (the impact of COVID), the government is supplying £15 per child per week with supermarket vouchers during school holidays. Some of you may have seen the work that Marcus Rashford has done to ensure that no child goes hungry in school holidays. This voucher scheme has been put in place at the present time in response to this.

During the Easter holidays 2021 we also offered some funded places providing children activities, which included sporting and cooking opportunities, at Welton Kids Club. This scheme has been extended to the Summer holidays this year.

*What if I don't qualify at the present time?*

If you apply for Pupil Premium free school meals but are unsuccessful, please do let us know if you need additional help towards providing food for your family. As a school we work closely with the church and the food larder that they run. The community larder supports the families in our community who are "Just About Managing" (JAMS) and can provide food for families during tricky times.

*My child is in Key Stage 2 and I don't qualify for a free school meal- How do I order?*

We encourage all children to have a school meal at lunchtime. The meals are carefully nutritionally balanced in line with government requirements and provide valuable fuel for learning as well as being delicious! Log on to the Good Lookin Cookin website, set up an account, add your children, place your order by the order deadline of Wednesday 10pm for the following week and pay on line. The price per meal is £2.30.

If your child is ill on a day that a meal has been ordered, please contact Good Lookin Cookin to cancel before 9am.

If you require any further information about school meals please do not hesitate to contact us.

