



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Free School Meals new online system and additional funding.**

The Greenshaw Learning Trust has signed up to a new Free School Meals system. The system automatically checks HMRC, The Department for Work and Pensions and The Home Office websites. Parent/carers only need to sign up once and then the system checks regularly for any changes in your circumstances during your child's time at Blaise High School.

The system simply requires a parent/carers date of birth and national insurance number, which enables us to check your child's eligibility for means tested Free School Meals status and Pupil Premium Funding. You only need to give the date of birth and national insurance number for one parent.

We would like to encourage as many parents/carers as possible to sign into this system, via the link below. Please copy and paste into your web browser:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-greenshawlearningtrust>

As an incentive, we will enter everyone that signs up before Wednesday 5th October 2022 into a draw where one person per Key Stage group will win a £50 supermarket voucher.

Anyone eligible for a free school meal and who registers their eligibility will save themselves hundreds of pounds per year and your child will benefit from a healthy, hot school meal. You will also help raise money for the school following a government commitment to pay schools for each student registered through the pupil premium. Your child does not need to take the meal but the school still gets the extra funding if you register.

The Pupil Premium funding is paid to the school directly for them to decide how best to use this resource. Ofsted inspections ensure the schools use the funding appropriately.

The funding can be used in many ways. Examples of how we may use the funding include:

- Summer schools to help children with transition to secondary school.
- Introducing reading and homework clubs
- Subsidising the cost of school trips or uniform
- Paying for additional staffing.
- Providing small group tuition.
- Providing a wide range of extra-curricular activities.
- Purchasing new technology.
- Providing mentoring programmes.
- Improving resources such as books, computers and sports equipment.

Yours faithfully,

Blaise High School

