



**Barton Clough Primary School**  
Audley Avenue, Stretford,  
Manchester M32 9TG

T 0161 748 7539

[admin@bartonclough.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bartonclough.trafford.sch.uk)  
[www.bartonclough.trafford.sch.uk](http://www.bartonclough.trafford.sch.uk)

Executive Headteacher: Simon Beswick

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to remind you of the benefits and process for applying for an income-based free school meal, if you feel that you may be eligible based on your household income. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- *Income Support;*
- *Income-based Jobseekers Allowance;*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;*
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;*
- *Guaranteed element of Pension Credit;*
- *Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400;*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on- paid for 4 weeks after your Working Tax Credit ends;*
- *Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income less than £16,190).*

I appreciate that this may seem like a lot of unnecessary paperwork when all children in Reception to Year 2 already receive a free meal under the government scheme, however for every child in receipt of an income-based free school meal, school receives a pupil premium payment which forms a vital part of our funding. Children who are in receipt of an income-based free school meal also benefit a free school jumper or PE Kit, for new applicants.

If you think you may be eligible but have not yet applied to your Local Authority for a free school meal please follow the link below (depending on your home Local Authority):

<http://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/trafford-catering/free-school-meals.aspx>

[https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500186/education\\_benefits/7355/free\\_school\\_meals/1](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500186/education_benefits/7355/free_school_meals/1)

Also if either parent is an active or retired member of the British Armed Forces could you please advise the school office as there is also extra funding available for the children of service employees.

Kind Regards

Mr S Beswick  
Executive Headteacher



**TOGETHER WE WILL**  
Challenge the ordinary  
Promote individuality  
Be advocates for change

**National Teaching School**  
designated by



National College for  
Teaching & Leadership