

## Free School Meals

Schools receive extra money from the Government for each student registered as receiving 'free school meals'. This does not mean the student *actually* has to eat a school meal, but each student who is registered will bring additional funding to the school.

All Whitecross students pay for food using a bio-metric system which means no-one uses cash at the tills and registered students will not stand out in any way. They can also choose to take food, such as fruit or other portable items, home. The daily allowance is added automatically.

The additional funding Whitecross receives is spent on a range of support and facilities:

- One student counsellor and additional counselling bought in;
- Student Mentor for small group work and one-to-one support;
- Supervision for personalised curriculum;
- Time for Learning Managers to be available for students and parents;
- Staff time for before and after school clubs;
- Certain subsidies for school trips and uniform.

Registered students can also receive free instrumental lessons, such as drum, guitar and saxophone. As you can see, registering your child will bring concrete benefits to them, as well as helping make Whitecross an even better place to live and learn.

You may be eligible to register your child if you receive Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Pension Guarantee Credit, Child Tax Credit (under certain conditions) or several other types of financial support. If you think you may be eligible, please contact Mrs Durber in Reception or text FSM to 07624 808600. If your child has recently started at Whitecross and was previously registered, you will have to register again.