



Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) Information

Article 28 – Every child has the right to an education.



What is Pupil Premium?

The pupil premium grant is funding the government gives to schools for some children to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England. **The school would get £1455 per pupil**, and all your grown-ups at home have to do is complete a VERY SHORT form for the local authority.

What is Pupil Premium used for?

Leaders in school decide what to spend the money on to support pupils with their learning needs. Children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium will benefit from the money as it will enable more resources including technology, adult support and interventions for learning. The money can be used to **benefit all children**, not just those who receive the funding, for example with whole class intervention or support.

CALLING ALL PARENTS... MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN FOR YOUR CHILD AND OUR SCHOOL... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

How do I know if I can apply?

It is only available if parents get one of the following:



- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- If you get Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible unless you are receiving the four week 'run on' payment after stopping work.

What do I need to do?

Complete this VERY SHORT form for the local authority: [Free School Meals form](#)

What is NOT true about Pupil Premium?

School get to know your business including about your finances. **This is NOT true.** School do not find out any of your information, this goes directly to the Council who check you eligible.

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This money is my child's personal budget and I can have a say in what this money is spent on as a parent. This is NOT true. Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils, and schools do not have to spend pupil premium so that it solely benefits pupils who meet the funding criteria.





Why do we need your help?

Our school used to get LOTS of funding from this grant in the past. Just a few years ago 65% of our school pupils were eligible one academic year! Currently, our school population only shows 35% of our school pupils are eligible... this is money from the government that is not being spent on your children. **The school cannot access this money directly themselves, which is why we need your help!**

What are Free School Meals?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get a free meal at lunchtime, under the government's Infant Free School Meals scheme. As well as families with children at **local authority maintained nurseries**, providing they receive education **before and after lunch**.

For children in Y3 your household must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed:

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The school cannot access this directly themselves for you and your child, which is why we need your help!

What is NOT true about Free School Meals?

My child gets Universal Free School Meals in Early Years and Key Stage 1 so they will always get them. This is NOT true. All children are eligible for Universal Free School Meals until the end of Year 2. After this, you would need to apply anyway but by this time **your child and the school will have missed out on £4365!**



It is NOT worth signing up for Pupil Premium... my child gets free school meals anyway until the end of Year 2. This is NOT true. It is absolutely worth signing up even though your child will get Universal Free School Meals until the end of Year. The school **will not get £1455 per pupil EVERY YEAR, so just for a child in Year 2, your child and the school will have missed out on £4365. For a child in Year 6, the school will have missed out on £10185 over their time in school... for one pupil!**



Need Help to fill in the form?

It is important for you to know where to get help to understand more or support to fill in the form: **Mrs Barrand & Mrs Taylor**, are always happy to help with form filling for Pupil Premium.

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