



Pupil Premium – Advice for Parents

Is your child entitled?

Which children qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This is known as universal infant free school meals.

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime and they can also save you time and money. Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for eligible pupils who are registered.

What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2010
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

How is the Pupil Premium funding used?

The Pupil Premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of

pupils who are eligible. You will find more information about how we use Pupil Premium funding on our website.

How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives. Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to. You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals
- You would rather your child had a packed lunch

Financial Year 2018-19

In the financial year 2018-19, schools will receive the following funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years:

£1,320 for children in Reception to Y6.

Where to go for more information

Contact the school:

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to the school office. If you do not have

access to a computer to complete your application please come in to school and use our facilities - we will happily help you complete the forms. Alternatively go to the Gateway.

External Sources

The Government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information about how to apply.

Apply for free school meals:

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

You can also read further information about the Pupil Premium at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings>

