

Are you missing out on Pupil Premium?

If you are in receipt of any of these benefits, your child may be eligible for the Pupil Premium entitlement:

- ✓ Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- ✓ Income support
- ✓ Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- ✓ Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- ✓ Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- ✓ Is your child a looked-after child (LAC)? I.e. in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority?
- ✓ Has your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order?
- ✓ Are either or both parents regular members of HM Forces and designated as personal category 1 or 2 (PStat Cat 1 or 2), in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence?

Will my child be identified to others as a Free School Meals or a Pupil Premium child?

Whilst your child's school will know your child is entitled to this funding, all support given to your child is offered discretely, so that other children and families are not aware, unless you choose to tell them. For example, children entitled to free school meals in Years 3 to 6 often do not know themselves that this is the case as they receive a lunch band in the same way all children do and the kitchen staff serving them will not necessarily have this information either.

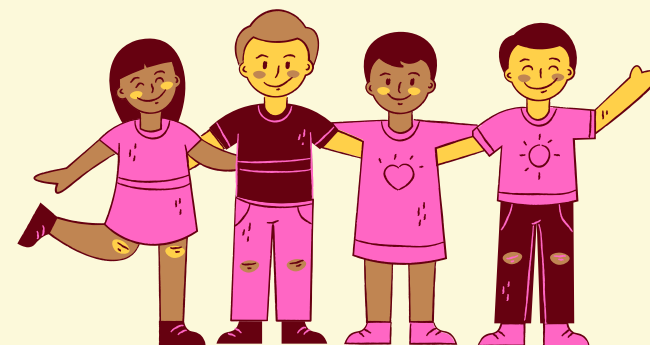
My child gets a free school meal anyway as they are in Reception - Year 2, why do I still need to apply?

Although all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, known as Universal Free School Meal, it is still important that you apply if you think you might be eligible to ensure you gain the additional funding through the Pupil Premium.



Pupil Premium

Are you and your child missing out?



Information for parents and carers

What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium was introduced by the Government in 2011. It was designed to give additional funding to support schools in 'closing the gap' in attainment and progress of pupils who:

- ✓ receive free school meals (referred to as 'FSM')
- ✓ received free school meals anytime in the last 6 years ('FSM Ever 6')
- ✓ come from families where parents are service personnel
- ✓ are looked after, or have been, by the local authority ('LAC')

It has been identified that these pupils tend to (although not always) under-perform in comparison with other pupils. The purpose for the Pupil Premium is to help schools provide specific support.

How do I apply?

You can download an application form via your school's website and navigating to Parents>Letters Home or you can pick up a form from your school office.

Complete and sign the form and return it to the school office. Our Pastoral Co-ordinator, Jane Wallace, and Home School Link Workers can also provide you with a copy of the form if you would prefer to speak with them.



How can the Pupil Premium help my child?

The Pupil Premium funding could make a big difference to your child's future. It isn't just about free school meals, it can also mean:



help to ensure your child gets additional small group or 1:1 support when needed



subsidise school trips



help towards reducing the cost of activity clubs



provide your child with additional experiences e.g. Playground Pal or School Council roles



provide specialist social and emotional support where appropriate



make available opportunities for completion of home learning including access to ICT



support your child to access our Lumen Summer Camp at a reduced rate



Help our school to help your child

Fair is every child accessing what they need in order to be successful.

The Pupil Premium can add up to a lot of additional funding for a school and can be used to really help children fulfil their potential as they grow older.



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