



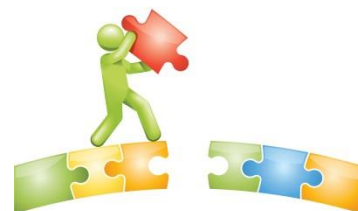
Pupil Premium – Information for Parents

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 and is additional funding that the government gives to schools for each pupil considered to be 'disadvantaged' – or, in other words, facing financial challenges which could get in the way of achieving their best. The money must be spent on these pupils to support their education and improve their outcomes, but it is for the school to determine how it is spent. The Department of Education website is a good source of additional information:
<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/premium>.

Why does the Government provide a Pupil Premium?

Poverty or low income is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances, with many pupils in low income families having poorer results by the age of 16. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address these underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle these challenges reaches the pupils who need it most. 'Bridging the gap' is one way of seeing it.



Who receives the Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils in school year groups from Reception to Year 11:

- from low income families who are registered for FSM,
- or who have been registered for FSM at any point in the last six years,
- children that have been in care continuously for 6 months or more,
- adopted children who have been in care continuously for 6 months or more prior to adoption are also eligible.



How do parents register their child's entitlement for Pupil Premium?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals – and accordingly Pupil Premium – if you receive any of the following benefits (as of September 2019):

- Income support or Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Universal Credit if NET earnings do not exceed £7,400
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have a gross income of £16,190 or less
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

All children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to universal free school meals, regardless of their family income.

However, only the children who qualify for free meals under the above income-based criteria will receive the pupil premium. It is therefore important that you tell us – even if they bring a packed lunch – as this enables us to apply for the pupil premium allowance for your child.

How much is the Pupil Premium Grant?

The Pupil Premium grant for the financial year 2021/2022 is £1,385 per child. This is significant additional money for us to spend on supporting pupil premium pupils and we are very keen to ensure that all eligible pupils are 'signed up'. Schools must spend the grant for the educational benefit of their eligible pupils but it is natural that others may benefit alongside. For example: we use some funding for additional adult support, enrichment activities, instrumental lessons, and clubs. A report on Pupil Premium spending is published on the school website annually.



What do I need to do next?

Contact **Mrs Targett** in the school office if you would like to find out more about registering your child for free school meals/pupil premium funding. This information will be held confidentially by the school. The Head Teacher can offer further information to those parents enquiring about the use of the Pupil Premium.

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