



Pupil Premium

The information in this leaflet outlines:

- * What Pupil Premium is.
- * How you apply for Pupil premium funding.
- * How we use the Pupil Premium Grant to support the academic, social and emotional development of pupils.

What is the Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is a grant designed to give additional money to support schools in raising the attainment of disadvantaged children. It has been identified nationally that children from low income families perform less well at school than their peers. The purpose of the Pupil Premium is to help schools to provide targeted support for these children. The Government does not prescribe how schools should use the funding, schools decide this for themselves. Schools are however accountable for how the money is being spent. In the 2017 to 2018 financial year, schools received £1,320 per eligible pupils.

Who receives the Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils who:

- Are eligible for free school meals (FSM)
- have received free school meals at any time in the last 6 years (FSM Ever 6)
- have a parent serving in the armed forces.
- receive financial funding (see below)

How do I know if I am eligible for pupil premium funding?

Your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Employment & Support Allowance – Income related
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (**not Contribution Based JSA**)
- Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190 per annum as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) **Please note, anyone receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of income, will not qualify for free school meals.**
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit



**Free
School
Meals** 
Are you entitled?



What are the benefits of applying for Free school meals?

If your child is eligible your child will:

- be provided with a School meal which is a good way to ensure that they eat well at lunchtime saving you time and money.
- Receive Pupil Premium funding for the school which will be spent effectively with the aim to raise attainment and progress of your child.

How is Pupil Premium money used?

Schools can choose how to spend their pupil premium money, as they are best placed to identify what would be of most benefit to the children who are eligible. Common ways in which schools spend their pupil premium fund include:

- one-to-one or small-group support for children within the classroom.
- Pupil Premium mentoring
- A family support worker who will work closely with families who need support.
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work with classes.
- Running catch-up sessions before or after school, for example for children who need extra help with maths or literacy.
- Breakfast club to improve attendance.
- Providing extra tuition for able children who receive the pupil premium, for example in preparation for SATs
- Support with funding curriculum enrichment and after school clubs
- Investing in resources that boost children's learning.
- Support with funding school uniforms.

How do I apply for Free School meals so the school receives Pupil premium funding for my child?

To apply you will need to access the Citizen Portal to help you find out if your child qualifies for free school meals. Please register at https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE%2f

Even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receiving universal free school meals, or if you have applied before or are not sure if you are eligible please do re-apply.

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. In doing so you will help us to find out whether we can claim pupil premium for your child. The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a smartphone or hand held device. If you qualify, you will receive a reference number that you simply bring in and show us at school to start receiving meals.

Did you know ...

Often, **all** of the children in a class will reap some benefit from how the school spends its pupil premium . Information on how we spend our PPG can be found on our school website.

If you would like more information about pupil premium please contact the Pupil Premium Lead Mrs Amy McClaren:

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

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



If you would like support in registering please contact Mrs McClaren