



Newport Primary School

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Grant

All children in Key Stage One (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to take up a daily free school meal as part of the Universal Free School Meals for Infants national initiative, which has been in place since September 2014. In addition, families in receipt of certain state benefits are also eligible for free school meals, regardless of the child's age. This eligibility for free school meals also determines whether the school itself receives the Government's 'Pupil Premium' grant, so it is beneficial to the school to be aware of your child's eligibility even during Key Stage 1.

Claiming pupil premium funding for your children gives the school an additional £1320 a year known as the Pupil Premium Grant.

It also means that we as a school will fund all trips and residential for your child, which sometimes saves parents in excess of £250 per year. Our parents can claim one jumper or cardigan each year (with the schools logo on- from our supplier, see Mr Beales/ Mrs Davies to order)

To qualify for free school meals / the Pupil Premium Grant you must fulfil one of the following criteria;

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

To find out if your child is eligible the benefits team at your Local Authority can process your claim by telephone on 01482 394799 or alternatively you can complete the online form at:-

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

If your child is eligible you will receive a confirmation letter from your Local Authority within 10 days. Upon receipt of this letter please do notify the school. Once your child is classed as pupil premium, they will be for 6 years from that date, making great savings for parents and supporting your children well in school. Please note:- each new sibling to the school does not automatically become Pupil Premium and it is up to the parents to apply for that child. Some children under the new support systems will also be classed as free school meals for the whole time they are in school. If you feel your child may be able to get this support please ring 01482 394799. We can also help any families that need support with completing any forms if needs be.

Very Kind regards

Ms O'Connell and the Newport Team