

Pupil Premium Funding

Did you know the School can receive additional funding called “Pupil Premium Funding” if parents are registered for free school meals?

This is valuable funding for our School at a time when budgets are really tight. If you are eligible we strongly encourage you to apply. Children are eligible for free school meals/pupil premium if their parents are in receipt of certain benefits, including:

- Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190;
- Working Tax Credit ‘run-on’ – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

“My child is in Foundation or Key Stage 1 and doesn’t pay for their lunch - why should I go to the trouble to claim free school meals?”



It might seem odd to do this, but if you successfully register your child then this will release additional Pupil Premium funding for your child’s school.

How do I apply? You can apply simply and easily via the Citizen Portal. It is not a difficult process and you don’t need to discuss any benefits you receive, or other personal details.

Pupil Premium is an important part of the school budget. Full details of how Pupil Premium is spent are published on our school website. We use Pupil Premium funding to support our pupils in many different ways eg to provide specialist support roles such as Advocacy, Behaviour Support and Higher Level Teaching Assistant for Literacy and to purchase additional resources, training and activities. The school also receives additional funding for:

- Children with parents currently serving in the armed forces
- Children in Care or adopted from Care.

It is important that if your child is eligible for free school meals that you should register your claim.

How quickly do I find out if I’m successful?	Applications are done online through the government’s secure portal using your National Insurance Number to check your earnings. A result is instant. You will need to register for an account if you do not already have one.
My child prefers a packed lunch - should I still apply?	Yes! Your child does not need to take a school lunch in order for the school to receive the funding.
Please be aware that the following benefits do not apply:	Contributions based Jobseeker’s Allowance, Contributions-based Employment and Support Allowance, Working Tax Credit, Invalidity Benefit, Disability Living Allowance, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Child Benefit.

Apply here: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login