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Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help raise the attainment of pupils. It is paid to schools according to the number of pupils who have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years. It can be used to fund valuable support like extra tuition, staff professional development, or social and emotional support.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent/guardian is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed below. This scheme is available for all school-age children. It is therefore important to sign up, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and currently receiving free school meals.

Who is eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium?

All children who are at school; and were under 19 at the start of the academic year; and are claiming or have parents who are claiming:

- 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 guaranteed 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

Did you know?

- Families who are currently paying for school meals will save around £450 a year for each primary school child if they are entitled to free school meals.
- School children who are eligible for free school meals are entitled to a two-course meal worth approximately £2.30 for primary and £2.35 for secondary each day.
- When you apply for free school meals, you will also allow your child's school to receive £1,320 [Pupil Premium](#), this is extra money to support children from families on lower incomes.
- If your child is in receipt of [universal infant free school meals](#) (where your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2), we recommend you apply if you believe you may be eligible for free school meals, because the protection will continue beyond Year 2.

How do I apply?

To check if your child is eligible, key information is needed about you and your child. We are asking **all** our families to complete an online or paper registration form to see if our pupils qualify for pupil premium funding. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Paper copies can be requested from our school office, please feel free to collect from the office foyer or we can pop this in your child's bag.

Even if you're not sure whether you receive one of the listed benefits, we would still like you to complete the registration form to check whether your child is eligible for pupil premium and free school meals. The information you provide will be held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes to process my application for Pupil Premium and free school meals.

We are asking all families to complete their registration form by Wednesday 1st February 2023.

If your child is already eligible for pupil premium and free school meals, you do not need to complete the form.

Thank you in advance of your support.

Mrs Rayner

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