

Finance

In the 2018 to 2019 financial year, schools received the following funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years:

- £1,320 for pupils in Reception through to Year 6.
- £2300 for pupil who have been in Local Authority Care and have since left care, through fostering or adoption.
- £2300 for pupils still in Local Authority Care.
- £300 for pupils who have at least one parent in the Armed Forces.

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If your circumstances have recently changed, and you think you may now be eligible for the benefits listed overleaf, or have any questions about free school meals, please speak to the school office.

External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

Apply for free school meals

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

You can also read further information about the Pupil Premium Grant at the following link.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/pupil-premium-explained>



Pupil Premium explained for parents

Is your child entitled?



Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- I Universal Credit
- ☒ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- ☒ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☒ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ☒ Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ☒ Working Tax Credit run-on

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'Pupil Premium Grant', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

What is the Pupil Premium Grant?

The Pupil Premium Grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if:

- ☒ They are registered for free school meals.
- ☒ Their parents have been registered for certain benefits in the last 6 years.
- ☒ They are, or have been, in care.

How is the Pupil Premium funding used?

The Pupil Premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the provision of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our Pupil Premium Grant Funding on our website.

How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

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.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- ☒ **Your child already receives universal infant free school meals.**
- ☒ **You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch.**