



Dear Parents/Carers

The Pupil Premium and Service Premium give schools extra funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils from reception to year 11. In order to receive this additional funding we are required to provide information to the Department for Education confirming which children meet the government criteria.

Pupil Premium

If your child is eligible for free school meals or has been in the last 6 years this will generate pupil premium funding for your child's school. To be eligible for free school meals you must be in receipt of the appropriate benefits and have submitted an application for free school meals to the Local Authority Benefits Team.

Do I qualify?

You must be claiming one of the following benefits to qualify for Free School Meals:

- Child Tax Credit with an annual income assessed by HMRC of less than £16,190

(If either you or your partner is entitled to Working Tax Credit you do not qualify for free school meals regardless of income).

- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-Related Employment Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

If you qualify for the appropriate benefits but have chosen not to apply for free school meals please consider applying. You do not have to take up the free school meal to attract the funding for your child's school. Free school meals cannot be backdated so you should only apply if you currently qualify.

Service Premium

The Service Premium gives schools extra funding to support children and young people with parents in the armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- One of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years
- One of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

If your child meets one of the above Service Premium criteria please let us know as this will enable us to claim this additional funding.

Please help us to maximise the amount of Pupil Premium the school receives by completing the attached application form and returning it to the school office as soon as possible if you feel your child meets any of the above criteria.

Yours sincerely,

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