

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals for pupils aged 2 to 16 years

The Department of Education (DfE) currently pays schools a Pupil Premium for each child where parents/carers are claiming certain benefits or if the child is ceased to be looked after even for a day. The amount can be between £300 and £1900 per child, depending on the individual child circumstances. In addition some children may also be eligible for Free School Meals.

Schools use the funding to provide additional education help even for those children aged 4 to 7 years who are already receive the governments Universal Free School Meal
SO PLEASE DO STILL APPLY – your child may benefit from the extra help

The school may decide to use the Pupil Premium funding to:

- ✓ Provide additional classroom support staff
- ✓ Subsidise buying school uniform
- ✓ Subsidise payment for school trips
- ✓ Provide specially trained staff to help individual children improve in English and Maths or other areas
- ✓ Subsidised Breakfast and / or After School Club



Your child may qualify for additional support with their education and have free school meals if you are claiming any of the following:

- Universal Credit (earnings below £7,400)
 - Income Support
 - Income based Jobseeker Allowance
 - Employment & Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
 - Child Tax Credit with annual income of no more that £16,190 (with no Working Tax Credit)
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- PLEASE NOTE:** Parents/Carers in receipt of Working Tax Credit are NOT ELIGIBLE (unless run-on paid for 4 weeks after qualifying for Working Tax Credit stops)

Pupil Premium funding may be available if your child was ceased to be looked after through

- # Adoption
- # A Residence Order
- # Or if your child is aged 2-4 years and is (or has ever been) in care
- # A Special Guardianship Order
- # A Child Arrangements Order

Unfortunately schools are not advised on whether or not children are or have ever been in care. If your child comes under one of the above categories, and you agree to this information being held by the school and included in a Department of Education return, please provide evidence to the school. More information is available either by calling into the school office or looking on their website.

UNIVERSAL CREDIT – Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions. It does **NOT** include income through Universal Credit or other benefits that you may receive.

Schools need to advise the DfE in October each year of children who fall into any of these categories. Applying is quick and easy. Please contact the school office.