

Pupil Premium Explained

What is it?

Pupil Premium is an additional source of funding for schools. It aims to ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve their potential regardless of their starting point in life or personal circumstances.

Who is eligible?

- Children who get Free School Meals (or have done in the past 6 years)
- Children whose parents are in the Armed Forces (see notes below)
- Children who are (or have been) Looked After by the Local Authority.

This funding is then spent on these children as described in our Pupil Premium Overview. This might include resources, experiences or staffing. We will also talk to you about our PP100 scheme which gives you some input on how a portion of the funding is spent.

How does it work?

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you register them for these, we'll receive the extra funding.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible if you access certain benefits including Child Tax Credit, Income Support or Universal Credit. Registering can be done online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/> or you can request a paper form from the school office. It won't be obvious to others that you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Rather confusingly, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). However, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the list above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to have free school meals?

No! Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to have them. If you're eligible but you would rather provide your own packed lunch, that's fine! You should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

Who can I ask for more information?

Please speak to Mrs Hardcastle or your child's teacher.

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service)
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census at any point since 2016
- one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme