



Pupil Premium

What is the Pupil premium?

Introduced in April 2011 by the government, the Pupil Premium provides additional funding to schools to target specific groups of children who are vulnerable to underachievement. These include pupils from low income families, children in care, and children of armed service personnel.

For this academic year £900 has been allocated to schools for any pupil who has been registered for Free School Meals (FSM) in the last six years along with children who have been in continuous care for more than six months. In addition, a Premium of £300 per pupil has been allocated to children with parents in the armed forces in recognition of the particular challenges they face.

From April 2014, Pupil Premium funding of £1,900 will also be extended to include:

- those who have been looked after for 1 day or more
- adopted children
- those who leave care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order

The aims of the Pupil Premium.

The purpose of the Pupil Premium is to raise achievement and aspirations of disadvantaged groups of children.

It is intended that schools will provide targeted support to improve the life chances of children from lower income families and young people who face additional challenges in their lives, allowing them to reach their full potential.

How can parents and carers contribute to the success of the Pupil Premium Grant?

If you get any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If your child is eligible for free school meals it is worth registering them with the local authority – even if they are not going to have the school lunch. Your registration will have a direct impact on the funding our school receives and allow us to maximise the support we can offer.