

What is the Pupil Premium?

The 'Pupil Premium' is extra funding which the Government gives to schools every year to help disadvantaged children achieve their potential, both academically and socially.

The Pupil Premium received by a school is calculated according to the number of children who:

- are known to be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) or who have been eligible for FSM at any point in the last 6 years

or

- have been 'looked after' continuously by a Local Authority for more than 6 months

or

- are from service families

If any parents or carers are unemployed or their family has a low income, then they can apply to be included in the school's Pupil Premium calculation. As well as providing the school with valuable extra funding for their children's education, their children will receive free school meals as well as other support, such as discounted educational trips and events. This will continue for at least 6 years, and possibly for the rest of their time at school.

Currently, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all receive Free School Meals, which are paid by the Government; this is called Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). This does not count towards the Pupil Premium, but the parents or carers of children in these classes can still apply to be included in the school's Pupil Premium calculation.

If you would like to check if you are eligible for this valuable funding, please contact the School Office and ask to speak about Pupil Premium. If any member of your family has a National Insurance (NI) number, please have that with you.

How does our school use the Pupil Premium?

The Government allows schools to decide how they want to use the Pupil Premium in order to support disadvantaged children, but schools have to publish information about how the funding has been used, and their plans for future spending. This is to show how children have benefited from the Pupil Premium and the extra support it brings. You can see our Pupil Premium strategy statement on our website, in the **Policies and Documents Library**. The Pupil Premium strategy statement is updated annually by 31 December.

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