



What is Pupil Premium?

Overview

The Pupil Premium is a fund of money allocated to schools to help support children who are from financially disadvantaged families, who have parents in the armed forces or who are classified as 'looked after' through adoption or Special Guardianship Orders.

The aim of the Pupil Premium is to identify and implement strategies in order to increase social mobility and reduce the attainment gap between the highest and lowest achieving pupils nationally. It is the responsibility of the school to designate how this additional money is used in order to support those pupils who qualify for Pupil Premium funding.

Eligibility for this funding is based on the following criteria:

- Pupils currently in receipt of free school meals (FSM) *
- Pupils who have claimed FSM during the past 6 years.
- Pupils who have a parent serving in the armed forces – or who have served in the armed forces during the past 4 years.
- Pupils who are, or have been, looked after, immediately before being adopted on or after 30 December 2005.

The Pupil Premium is additional to main school funding and it will be used by this school to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most.

Qualification for Free School Meals is based on national and local criteria. In order to qualify, you must receive one or more of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment you may receive for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for the Working Tax Credit.

Application forms for Free School Meals are available to collect from school but need to be returned to Shire Hall.