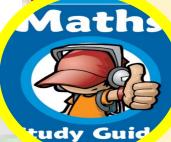
PUPIL PREMIUM at Moulton CEVC Primary School



What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium grant is a sum of money given to schools by the government. The amount each school receives depends on how many pupils are eligible in their school. It is intended to be used to help eligible children to reach their full potential. Parents often think that a free-school meal is the only benefit when their child is eligible for the pupil premium—think again! It's about so much more...

How does the money help children who are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant?

Our school uses the Pupil Premium Grant in a variety of ways:

- It is used to purchase extra resources that a child might need
- It funds the deployment of extra adults to support learning in lessons and in small groups/1-1 situations to support academic and emotional needs
- It funds school trips and educational visitors
- It funds music tuition
- It funds child care (breakfast and after school club)

And much more...

Will people know that my child is entitled to the pupil premium grant?

- School staff are the only people who will know. All information about our pupils remains confidential.
- The government know how many pupils in each school are eligible for the pupil premium grant. In fact, the achievement of children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant is closely tracked by the government.

When is a child eligible for the pupil premium grant?

 If they are entitled to free school meals (or have been at any point in the past six years)

or

 If they have been looked after by the local authority for more than one day.

or

- If their parents claim any of the following benefits:
- income support
- income based jobseekers allowance
- support under part IV of the immigration and asylum act 1999
- the guaranteed element of state pension credit

- child tax credit, provided that they are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

- Universal credit

I will get a job soon, so is there any point in applying? My income will go up soon, so is there any point in applying?

I will only claim benefits for a little while, so is there any point in applying?

Absolutely! If a child is eligible for free school meals (therefore eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant) for even just ONE DAY, that child remains eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant for the following SIX YEARS even if circumstances change.

My child is in Reception/KS1 so they already get universal free school meals. Should I still apply?



Absolutely! A child is only entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant after a successful application. If your child is in Reception or KS1, it is important that they receive all of the benefits of being eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant, not just the free school meal.

Who ensures that the school is spending the Pupil Premium Grant wisely?

OFSTED check how we spend our grant. Additionally, school performance tables explicitly show the progress of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium grant, so it is in our best interest to spend the money wisely. All schools must publish information about how they use the Pupil Premium Grant and its impact on their website.

So, what now?

If you think that your child might be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant, you can choose how you apply

- Pop in and see us for a form. If you need help to complete the form, we are happy to do it with you. If you are worried about privacy when you ask for a form, please email us and we can post it to you or put it into your child's book bag.
- Alternately, apply online. The school does not need to know if you apply. You can apply online at: <u>https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/</u>

The online application is straightforward—only a few details needed.

Local Pupil Premium Grant helpline: 01284 758883

We are here to help. There is no harm in applying—the form and online application only take a few minutes to complete. You've got nothing to lose, but your child could have lots to gain.