

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 by improving whole-school provision. 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

 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:

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- · Income Support
- · Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- · Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- · Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

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 whole of their time at primary school.



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 monitors the impact of our spending. 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

Apply online.

https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/

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

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