

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

If your child is eligible for a free school meal benefit then there are a number of important reasons why **you should** make the claim.

Providing a daily free meal - If you qualify for a free school meal then the school will provide a free meal every day. A hot meal or sandwiches.

This really is an offer too good to miss!

It is sometimes suggested that one of the reasons that parents may not receive that which they are entitled to is the perceived stigma attached to obtaining a free meal. Please do not let this affect your application if you are entitled. It is important for your child. See why below.....



Pupil Premium

The government have changed the way schools are funded and the amount a school receives is heavily influenced by the new Pupil Premium. This is an amount of money which is allocated to school based on the financial circumstances of the families which it serves.

The indication of whether the pupil premium is to be awarded is based on the number of pupils on free school meals. Therefore, additional funding coming into the school to provide better facilities for teaching and learning is based on the number of our parents who are claiming the free school meal allowance that they are entitled to. If your child is one of those below it means that they will be entitled to dedicated funding to support their learning.

The advantages of claiming free school meals are many and, as well as ensuring that pupils are getting a healthy meal every day, we are also able to provide better specific resources for these pupils. It is to the advantage of every pupil in school that all parents who are eligible to claim for free school meals should do so - even if your child does not take the free meal!

Pupil Premium Funding per pupil: Who will get funding?

Pupils in Year Groups R to 6 recorded as Ever 6 FSM - who have had FSM benefit at any time in the last 6 years.

Looked After Children—Children in Care.

Children adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 and children who have left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order.

Service children—Pupils in Year Groups R to 6 recorded as Ever 4 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

We have to dedicate this funding to our Pupil Premium children and reports on how we spend this are placed on our school website—**INFORMATION (general) PUPIL PREMIUM**. The class teacher will be aware of their PPG children and support will be allocated to those children. You can talk to them about how your child is supported.

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You will know that your infant child will be getting a free school meal anyway under the new free meals for Infants scheme so why bother claiming? If you don't you will be depriving your child of specific dedicated support so please consider this carefully.

Forms and details about eligibility are **available in the School Office and on our school website** so please do take advantage of this scheme and claim. Cornwall Council also has an online application on their website.

In order to claim FSMs a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

Income Support

Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance

Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance

Child Tax Credit (but no Working Tax Credit is being received by the claimant or his/her partner and the combined annual income as assessed by HMIR on a TC602 form is not above £16,190)

The Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit.

Asylum Seeker under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.