

Pupil Premium – Extra Funding for Schools.

Did you know that registering for Pupil Premium means that you could get additional help and our school could get extra money?

*Free School Meals & Universal Infant Free School Meals

Since September 2014, state funded schools in England have been required by law to provide free lunches to pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2, regardless of their total family income. These are known as **Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)**. However, if you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be entitled to **Free School Meals (FSM)**. The difference is that if your child qualifies for **Free School Meals** because you are on a low income, they will also qualify for any additional help being offered by the Local Authority or other local organisations. This may include free activity places during the school holidays, food vouchers or food bags. Another benefit is that even if your income changes, your child will continue to receive **Free School Meals** at Junior School from Year 3 onwards, which is when **Universal Infant School Meals** currently stop.

The school will also qualify for Pupil Premium additional funding. Pupil Premium is additional funding that the Government gives to mainstream and special schools in England to help children from low-income families. It may be used to help to fund school trips, for additional resources and extra-curricular activities etc. Often, all of the children in a class will reap some of the benefit from how the school spends its Pupil Premium: for example, if the money is used to fund an additional teaching assistant who works across the whole class, rather than providing one-to-one support.

Your child may be eligible for **Free School Meals** if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

To apply for Pupil Premium, please use the the following link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

or request a paper form from the school office.

We would encourage all families to check eligibility if you think there is a chance you may qualify.