



# A Guide to Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

2020-2021

Pupil Premium is additional funding that can support your child. It was an initiative launched in 2011 to raise the attainment of students who meet certain criteria and close the gap between them and their peers.



**Academic**

**Emotional**

**Welfare**

**Extra-Curricular**



# What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium funding can be used for a variety of things, not just for school meals. The funding is paid to the school to provide support to boost a child's learning. Schools choose how to spend Pupil Premium funding as they are best placed to identify what eligible children need to help them learn. The Pupil Premium is funding that the school receives for each student who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- **In receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) in the last six years**
- **Has parents in the regular armed forces** including students recorded as 'ever 6 service' children, or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.
- **Is a looked-after child**
- **Was a looked-after child** who has now been adopted out of care, who left care under a Special Guardianship Order, who left care under a Residential Order on or after 14 October 1991 (under the Children Act 1989), or who left care through a Child Arrangement Order.

# Who is eligible for FSM?

Free School Meals funding is available to families who currently receive one the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related) – not Contribution related
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) – not Contribution based
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190, as long as the family is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q Why Apply for FSM?

By registering your child for Free School Meals, the school receives additional funding that can be used to help your child achieve.

## Q Will my child be singled out if in receipt of FSM?

No, our cashless system in the canteen means no one will know that your child receives free school meals. If they do not want to use the canteen, there are additional benefits to support them.

## Q Can I make suggestions of how the money is spent?

Suggestions are welcome and we would love to discuss how we can work together to support your individual child. However, funding is not allocated on an individual basis to spend as you wish. We will arrange meeting time to discuss the needs of any Pupil Premium Plus students.

We have provided sports kit and school uniform to half families in extreme cases.

*Having new kit that fitted me helped me feel comfortable to join in.*

*I would love to be a chef, so having the chance to do GCSE Food is brill!*

We have provided the loan of a laptop and would like to support those without internet access.

We have supported students with music tuition and food ingredients for GCSE support.

*It makes life easier to keep on top of work.*

We have provided a selection of revision materials for GCSE students to aid their revision.

*The revision books give me guidelines out of school to help me work independently.*

We can support students with curriculum activities and trips so they do not miss out on valuable experiences.

We have provided attendance incentive's as we know the importance of full attendance to ensure maximum progress.

*Improving my attendance has helped with everything. I didn't realise how much I was missing.*

*The drama trip and workshops allowed me to stay ahead with my drama studies. It also helped with my confidence.*

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If you need support to complete the FSM application form, please contact the school's Finance Officer, your child's Head of Year or Mr Stott, Pupil Premium Coordinator.

## How to Apply

If you think you could be eligible for FSM you will need to tell the school and provide any evidence required to complete an application.

You will need to tell the school before December 2021 so that the information can be recorded in the school census at the end of January 2022. This will trigger the funding payment to the school.

You can download an application form from the Somerset County Council website or collect a form from the school Finance Office.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals>

## Who can you talk to?



If you need advice you can contact the Somerset County Council Children's Service team on

**0300 1232224** option 1

or you can contact:



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