



Grove Vale Primary School

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School Web Address: www.grovevaleprimary.co.uk

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals **according to the criteria below, then PLEASE register** because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding, enabling the school to make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

If you do not register for free school meals then the school and your child will miss out on the extra funding.

To do this, visit this webpage

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200151/education_benefits/2176/free_school_meals

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Many families in Sandwell could get free school meals **but don't claim for them.**

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if:

- your annual income is less than £16,190; and
- you claim Child Tax Credit (*Not Including Working Tax Credit) only; and

*Please note you will not qualify for free school meals if you receive any amount of Working Tax Credit. Before applying please check your latest Tax Credit Awards Notice if you are unsure.

Your child may also qualify for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit ** if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (after tax and not including any benefits you get) Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (including Child Tax Credit)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- support from the National Asylum Support Service.

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**You may be asked to provide supporting evidence if you receive Universal Credit, for example a copy of your Universal Credit Statement(s)

Please note - If your child is eligible or becomes eligible for free school meals at any time before 31 March 2022, they will remain eligible until this date or beyond dependent on what school phase (see below) they are in. You will not need to apply for Free School Meals again if you are already eligible at a Sandwell School.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches **you should still register** because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Grove Vale Primary School, we get an extra £1,345 (based on figures are for the 2021/22 financial year) for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding towards initiatives such as:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- End of term awards
- Educational Visits
- Sports coaching
- Support Workers
- Nurture Groups

How do I register?

The process is really simple and can be done online at any time.

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More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website <https://www.grovevale.co.uk/about-us/pupil-premium> , which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the school office on 0121 357 4319.

Yours sincerely

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School Business Manager



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