



Meadowbank Primary School

Pupil Premium

Information for parents



Is your child entitled to pupil  
premium funding?



## Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

**If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium**

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.





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The pupil premium was introduced by the government in April 2011. It was designed to give additional money to support schools in raising the attainment of children. The premium is used to support children who are currently on Free School Meals (FSM) or has been registered for (FSM) in the past six years, children in care, who have been looked after by local authorities for more than six months also continue to qualify for the pupil premium.

## **Which pupils qualify for free school meals?**

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

## **What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?**

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'Pupil Premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered, even if they already receive a universal free school meal in EYFS or Key Stage 1.

## **What is the pupil premium?**

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals in the past
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

## **How is the pupil premium funding used?**

The pupil premium money could make a big difference to your child's future; more support with key academic skills, clubs and enrichment opportunities, mentoring, specialist training for staff, better resources, social and emotional support.

We ask that you help us to help your child by ensuring that you have checked to see if you are eligible for the premium funding.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

## **How can I ensure the school gets the funding?**

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals (EYFS, Year 1 & 2)
- You would rather your child had a packed lunch

We are committed to ensuring all our children make the best possible progress. We track the achievements of every child on a regular basis and do all we can to make sure each child achieves their potential.

The pupil premium has allowed us to continue and extend what we already do - to monitor children's progress and to give additional support when required. Children are certainly not singled out or stigmatised for getting some extra attention and we would never publicly identify a child in front of other children for receiving free school meals or for being eligible for pupil premium.

**Register for free school meals here:**

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/free-school-meals-application-form>

**You will need to know your National Insurance Number**