



# Shavington Primary School

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## Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

### What it means for you and your child

#### Free School Meals

All children in EYFS and KS1 receive a Universal Free School Meal. Children may also be entitled to Income Related Free-School meals depending on their parents' financial circumstances. Children who are eligible for Income Related Free School Meals are also eligible for other additional support, including financial support with the cost of school trips.

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, your child may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Your child might also be eligible if you're in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999





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## Pupil Premium

Children who are registered for Free School Meals on the January Census Day, also become entitled to Pupil Premium Funding. This fund is aimed at improving life chances for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and is paid directly to schools. It is up to each school to decide how best to spend the money to create the most positive outcomes for the children in their care. Once a child becomes eligible for Pupil Premium Funding, their school will continue to receive this money for the next six years, even if their financial circumstances change.

## The Learning for Life Partnership

Within the Learning for Life Partnership, Pupil Premium Funding is used to support children based on an identification of need. This may include financial support with activities such as school trips; academic support through bespoke intervention; and nurture based support. The projects that are funded each year and within each school across the trust will vary depending on the needs of the children at the time, however we aim to create a fair and equal system for all children.

## Voice of the Child

We are currently looking at a system, which will enable all children who are eligible for Free School Meals, or Pupil Premium Funding to have an individual mentor. They would meet with their mentor once a term to talk about how they are doing and to identify any areas where they feel they need some extra support. This could be anything from help with friendship issues, to a subject they are struggling with in class, to having no PE kit. These meetings give us a great insight into the best ways of using the money we receive through Pupil Premium. Their individual mentors also become a trusted adult in school who the child can speak to if ever they have a problem.

## What we offer:

Based on an identification of need, children may receive any or all of the following support:

### Financial Support

- Up to 100% funding for school trips and residential visits for children who are eligible for **Free School Meals** at the time of the trip
- Up to 50% funding for school trips and residential visits for children who are eligible for **Pupil Premium** Funding

Requests for support with funding must be made in person, via telephone or via e-mail to the School Business Manager for every trip.

### Academic Support

- Working one to one, in a small group, or with extra help in the classroom on specific objectives, based on assessments of the child's attainment and progress.





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## Social and Emotional Support

- Receiving support either one to one or in a small group with specific social or emotional issues, identified by the child's teacher, parent, or the child themselves.

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals or to find out how to apply, please visit [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx) or phone 0300 123 501

If you would like to speak to us about Free School Meals or Pupil Premium, please contact the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Rachael Nicholls,  
Principal

