

Pupil Premium at Lillington Nursery and primary School

The information in this leaflet outlines:

- * What Pupil Premium is.
- * How to apply for Pupil premium funding.
- * How we use the Pupil Premium Grant to support the academic, social and emotional development of pupils.

What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium was introduced by the Government in April 2011. It is a grant designed to give additional money to support schools in raising the attainment of disadvantaged children.

It has been identified nationally that children from low income families perform less well at school than their peers.

The purpose of the Pupil Premium is to help schools to provide targeted support for these children. The Government does not prescribe how schools should use the funding, schools decide this for themselves. Schools are however accountable for how the money is being spent and required to publish this information, along with the impact it is having on pupil achievement, online each year.

Who receives the Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils who:

- Are eligible for free school meals (FSM)
- have received free school meals at any time in the last 6 years (FSM Ever 6)
- have a parent serving in the armed forces.
- receive financial funding (see below)

How do I know if I am eligible for pupil premium funding?

Many of our families in the school are entitled to Free School Meals throughout their child's primary education if you receive any of the following:



- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 guarantee 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

What are the benefits of applying for Free school meals?

If your child is eligible your child will:

- be provided with a school meal which is a good way to ensure that they eat well at lunchtime saving you time and money.
- Receive Pupil Premium funding for the school which will be spent effectively with the aim to raise attainment and progress of your child.



How is Pupil Premium money used?

Schools can choose how to spend their pupil premium money, as they are best placed to identify what would be of most benefit to the children who are eligible. At Lillington we look at what the barriers are for pupils in order to reach their full potential. Common ways in which schools spend their pupil premium fund include:

- One-to-one or small-group support for children within the classroom.
- A family support worker who will work closely with families who need support.
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work with classes.
- Running catch-up sessions before or after school, for example for children who need extra help with maths or literacy.
- Breakfast club to improve attendance.
- Providing extra tuition for able children who receive the pupil premium, for example in preparation for SATs
- Support with funding curriculum enrichment and after school clubs
- Investing in resources that boost children's learning.
- Support with funding school uniforms.

- Curriculum Enrichment e.g. Music

How do I apply for Free School meals so the school receives Pupil premium funding for my child?

To register for Pupil Premium funding, all you have to do is check your eligibility by accessing the following website:

<https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/Synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

The process of application and our school arrangements are entirely confidential.

Even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receiving universal free school meals, or if you have applied before or are not sure if you are eligible please do re-apply.

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. In doing so you will help us to find out whether we can claim pupil premium for your child. The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a smartphone or handheld device. If you qualify, you will receive a reference number that you simply bring in and show us at school to start receiving meals.

If you would like support in registering please contact the school office

