



Don't let your child miss out

The Pupil Premium Information for Parents

Did you know that extra money could be available to help your child's learning and development?



It's quick and easy to find out if you can claim for your child.

What is Pupil Premium (PP)?

Introduced in 2011, Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.

This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well at school than their peers and often face challenges such as poor language and communication skills, less family support, lack of confidence and issues with attendance and punctuality. The Pupil Premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.

How do the children benefit?

The children could benefit from:

- Extra one-to-one or small-group support
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work with classes.
- Paying for additional help such as speech and language therapy or family therapy
- Investing in resources that boost children's learning in school or at home
- Providing extra tuition for able children who receive the Pupil Premium
- Before/after school clubs or activities, such as music lessons
- Subsidising educational trips and visits

How is it spent?

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. The school will work with you to make sure your child benefits from the extra funding.

Details on how the Pupil Premium allocated is spent is published on each schools website. The Pupil Premium report includes how much funding was allocated to the school, how they intend to spend it, how they spent the previous year’s allocation and the impact it made to attainment for those pupils.

How can the school access the Pupil Premium funding?

Schools are entitled to Pupil Premium funding for all eligible children from reception year to Year 11. Children are eligible if they:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are registered for Free School Meals (FSM) 	See the ‘How do I register my child for Free School Meals (FSM)’ section below for details on how to register
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have been registered for FSM at any point in the last 6 years 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are or have been in care 	Let your child’s school know this information if you haven’t already
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have parents in the armed forces 	

It is important to inform the school if your child could claim FSM, even if they are in Reception or Key Stage 1 or are in KS2 and you are planning to send a packed lunch in every day. This will let the school know that your child qualifies for FSM and enable the school to claim Pupil Premium.

How do I register my child for Free School Meals (FSM)?

Pupils who are eligible for FSM attract Pupil Premium for the school.

Parents/Guardians can check eligibility for FSM through the [LGfL FSM Eligibility Checker](#). You will need to provide your name, date of birth and National Insurance Number or Asylum Seeker Reference to check. A Certificate of Eligibility will be available for parents to print or email on completion of the check to give to their child’s school.

Further information on FSM is available on each School’s website.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Frequently Asked Questions:

[I cannot find my National Insurance number. What do I do?](#)

Call the National Insurance Enquiries helpline on 0300 200 3500.

[Will the Pupil Premium \(PP\) affect my benefits?](#)

No, if your child receives the PP, it will not affect any benefits you may be entitled to.

[How can I ensure the school gets the extra Pupil Premium funding for my child?](#)

Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) attract Pupil Premium. Parents and guardians can check eligibility via the online LGfL Eligibility Checker. It is important to register your child for FSM, even if you are going to send a packed lunch with them every day or they are in Reception or Key Stage 1 and receive the universal school meals for infant pupils.

[Does my child automatically qualify for FSM if they have older brothers/sisters in school who are already registered?](#) Yes, however for registrations made before 2018, eligibility will need to be re-checked for those pupils joining after 2018.

[What happens to my personal data?](#)

The details you enter into the LGfL FSM Eligibility Checker are saved within the checking system and used solely for the purpose of checking your eligibility for FSM in line with the Data Protection Act. The privacy notice for FSM is available on the schools website.