



### Pupil Premium

Gloucestershire County Council encourage **ALL** parents to log into the Pupil Premium system. This is an easy process and can be accessed by following this link:-

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

The website will tell you immediately whether or not you are entitled to hot school meals. This sometimes confuses parents as all children aged up to 7 years are entitled to the hot school dinners (this is known as Universal Free School Meals) however there are some children who are entitled to Free School Meals (sometimes also known as Pupil Premium). This not only gives school extra money but also entitles your child to many more things within school so it is important to apply. Many parents have been surprised that they are entitled to the Pupil Premium and since the pandemic many more families have become entitled to this. Please make sure that you have applied prior to your child starting school. All information regarding pupil premium is confidential.

#### **What is Pupil Premium?**

Pupil Premium is extra funding paid to school at a rate of £1320 per child each year.

#### **Will my child benefit from the Pupil Premium funding?**

Yes! This extra funding is used specifically on pupil premium children so if you are entitled to this your child will benefit directly from the extra funds received. Miss Everett our SENCO will co-ordinate how best the money is spent taking into account each child's individual needs from progress, self-confidence or any other specific need. As an example this last year Miss Everett was able to increase the Teaching Partners' hours to provide additional support to support the children. Pupil premium will also be used to pay for the school trips. Without claiming this extra funding the school would not be able to support your children in such a way that we are able to so it is well worth claiming the funding if you are eligible.

#### **Am I eligible?**

If you claim one of the below benefits please make sure that you are claiming Pupil Premium for your children.

- 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 are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, depending on the level of household income
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – depending on your household income

**How do I claim?**

It's easy! Applications can be made through the parent's online portal –

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You will need to have an email address and a note of your National Insurance number or NASS (National Asylum Support Service) number.

**How long does it last?**

Your child will benefit from the extra funding for not only the whole time that you are eligible but also for 6 years after you stop claiming. Yes 6 years! So for example if you claim for your child whilst they are in reception but then stop claiming, your child will still receive the funding and the benefit of this funding for a further 6 years.....that's right up until they leave Junior School. What a great way to boost your child's education.

**Need help with anything?**

If you need help or more information please pop into the school office and speak to Mrs. Evans or Mrs Wintle who will be only too happy to help you.

**Don't forget....**

Remember you can apply any time of the year so if your circumstances do change please remember to log into the online portal to check to see whether you are eligible. There are so many benefits for your child it is well worth checking this out.

**Parent's online portal**

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