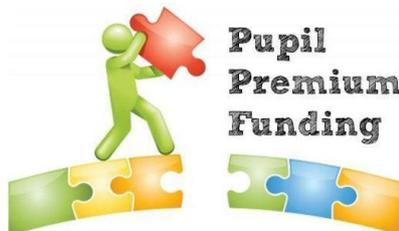




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All Foundation and Key Stage One pupils receive free school lunches under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, saving you around £400 each year. But did you know that the School's Pupil Premium funding is also linked to families being registered for free school meals?

Last year the school received £1,320 for each registered child.

In challenging financial times this is a valuable resource for us, so if you are eligible we encourage you to apply. Children are eligible for free school meals/pupil premium if their parents are in receipt of certain benefits, including:

- Income Support, or Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit

Pupil Premium is an important part of the school budget

Full details of how this money was used last year is available on our school website. Examples include: employing additional teaching assistants, enrichment opportunities (supporting trips & visits), classroom resources and OWL. We also use the funding to provide free school meals for eligible children in Key Stage 2, and milk for all children.

Useful information

<i>My child is in Foundation/KS1 and doesn't pay for their lunch- why would I go to the trouble to claim free school meals?</i>	It might seem odd to claim when your child is already receiving free lunches, but registering your child links to the Pupil Premium funding for the school.
<i>How quickly do I find out if my application is successful?</i>	Applications are done online through the government's secure portal using your National Insurance Number to check your earnings. A result is instant. Access to the internet can be provided at school if required.
<i>My KS2 child prefers packed lunch.</i>	Your child does not have to have a school lunch. You can still register to benefit from support in class and money off school trips - this includes educational visits and residential trips so it's well worth it!
<i>I don't want my child to be labelled!</i>	You book and select lunches in exactly the same way as everybody else. All children eat together in the hall – there are no separate queues, so staff and other children are unaware of pupil premium children.
<i>I don't want people to know my circumstances.</i>	You can apply online via the Citizen Portal You don't need to discuss any benefits you receive, or any other personal details, with the school. Any conversations- you may choose to have with staff members- will be treated with the utmost discretion.

APPLY HERE: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE

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