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If your child is eligible for ‘free school meals’ and you register them for this, we’ll receive extra funding called ‘pupil premium’. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

In addition, we are able to offer eligible children free school trips, free milk and, potentially supermarket vouchers.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It’s provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents who have served in the armed forces in the past 6 years or currently

The extra money we can apply for could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we’ve previously used pupil premium funding for

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

In addition, we offer eligible children free school trips, free milk to drink in school and, when issued by the Local Authority or Holy Rood Church, free supermarket vouchers.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s 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 your stop qualifying for working tax credit
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400
- Children who get these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, **you should still register** because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches **you should still register** because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

To register, please visit <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants> to complete a short form which will give you an instant decision.

If you would like the school to check on your behalf, please complete the form at the following link:

[Eligibility Check](#)

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Mrs A Philipson (SENCo and Acting Deputy Head).