

Pupil Premium

As you will be aware, all children at infant school are currently entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

However, for some of those children, schools will also be able to claim **Pupil Premium**, which will help provide further support. The criteria for eligibility is the same as the free school meal criteria from Key Stage 2 onwards.

If you think there may be any possibility that your child may be eligible for this funding, we would ask to check using the HC3S online service. *Pupil Premium is an important payment for schools and a really good opportunity for eligible parents to get even more support for their children in school.*

Eligibility

The criteria for eligibility is where parents/guardians are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- 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 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- 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)

No other benefits qualify for free school/college meals from Key Stage 2 and or pupil premium for Key Stage 1.

Applying for free school meals / pupil premium

You can check eligibility online at: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

The service allows you to check your own eligibility for free school/college meals, or you can check on behalf of someone else.

To complete a check you will need the following information for yourself, or the person you are checking on behalf of:

- Name, date of birth and contact details
- National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service reference number
- Child or student's name, date of birth and school/college

The data you enter on the screen will be used to process your request. If your result comes back 'found,' your child is eligible for Pupil Premium and the system automatically informs the school.

This funding provides valuable support, so please do check your eligibility as soon as possible. If you need any help or advice, contact the school office.