



'Believe and Achieve'

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Dear Parents and Carers

URGENT - SCHOOL FUNDING

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools by central Government.

All children, whose parents are claiming one of the benefits listed below, will trigger the Pupil Premium funding for their child's school.

Schools use this funding in a variety of ways. For example, some schools offer discounted school trips for children registered for Pupil Premium. This funding is important because it will help the school to raise the attainment of pupils for whom the money is received. One example of how we do this is to provide individualised support for those who may need it or small group work with teachers and teaching assistants. Eligibility information is kept confidential and we will not single your child out for support.

Service Children in Education

The School can also claim additional funding for children with a parent/carer in the Armed Forces or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

The new checking system means that:

With some basic information, we can apply to the Local Authority on your behalf.

You don't have to show paper proof of benefit.

You don't have to re-apply every year (unless your child changes school).

Your information is confidential.

Can my child trigger the extra funding for their school?

Yes, if you are receiving one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support 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 you stop qualifying for Working tax Credit
- Universal Credit





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This information is accurate at the time of printing, but is subject to Government policy so may change in the future.

How do I apply?

If you think your child may be eligible, **complete a short, simple online form, please just type 'Sutton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals' into a search engine and following the link available.**

If you need help with the form or if you do not have access to a computer or the internet, we can help – please talk to us at the school office. If you prefer a more discreet route, call Mrs Hughes, our School Business Manager, on 020 8644 8616.

If you are eligible for this funding, one benefit is that your child will be able to have a free school meal. If you don't wish your child to have a free school meal, or if your child qualifies for a free meal because they are in Reception, year 1 or 2 – the school will still receive the funding if you are eligible.

We really need your support - without parents registering, the school could lose £1320 per pupil – potentially equating to £20,000 in the reception year alone for this financial year. This funding can help your child, but the process is not automatic – you do need to apply.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Morley
Headteacher

