

Financial year 2020 to 2021

In the 2020 to 2021 financial year, schools will receive the following funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years:

£1,345 for pupils in Reception year to Year 6
Schools will also receive £2345 for each pupil identified in the spring school census as having left local authority care because of one of the following:

Schools will also receive £1,700 for each

- adoption
- a special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order
- a residence order

If a pupil has been registered as eligible for free school meals and has also left local-authority care for any of the reasons above, they will attract the £2,345 rate.

Children who have been in local-authority care for 1 day or more also attract £2,345 of pupil premium funding. Funding for these pupils is managed by the [virtual school head \(VSH\)](#) in the local authority that looks after the child.

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Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to the school office.

If you **do not** have access to a computer to complete your application please come into school and use our facilities– we can even help you complete the forms!

External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

Apply for free school meals, GOV. UK
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link.

Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-effective-use-and-accountability>



St. John's C of E Primary School, Gosport



Advice for Parents

Pupil Premium explained



Is your child entitled?

What is the pupil premium?

The 'Pupil Premium Grant' is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for freeschool meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2012
- Are, or have been, in care

Children of armed forces parents receive a 'Service Grant' of £310 per child.

Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

In April 2018 the government combined benefits such as Income Support and Job Seeker's Allowance into one benefit known as **Universal Credit**.

Since April 2018, free school meals and pupil premium are only be allocated to pupils with a family **income under £7400** (net) per year.

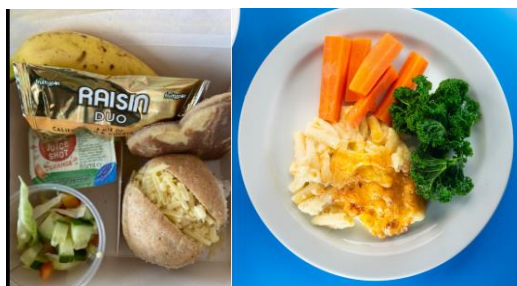
If your child was previously entitled to free school meals but is no longer, the school will still receive pupil premium based on the 'Ever 6' qualification (a pupil who has ever had free school meals in the past 6 years.)

In addition, schools must provide free school meals to ALL pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, but **only the child who would qualify for free meals under the above income-based criteria would receive the pupil premium.**

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school as we receive the extra 'pupil premium' funding, for every eligible pupil who is registered.



If your child qualifies for free school meals please tell us – even if they bring a packed lunch – as this enables us to claim the pupil premium.

We are extremely lucky at St John's to have our lunches cooked on site, provided by HC3S. They are of a very high quality. Please go to their website to find out more about the meals.

How is the pupil premium funding used?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. We use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible. For example it is used for teaching assistants and to fund small group tuition.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch.