



Bishop Aldhelm's CE Primary School

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Pupil Premium- Are you Eligible?

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are aware that many households are currently experiencing difficulties with the rise in the cost of living. If you have had a change in circumstances, your child may now be entitled to Pupil Premium funding.

The Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children. These include pupils who are entitled to free school meals, those looked after by the local authority and the children of armed service personnel.

If you are not sure whether you are entitled to claim this funding further information about eligibility and application can be found on BCP's website: <https://www.poole.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>. Please be aware that Pupil Premium is different from Universal Free School Meals. If your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 and you are eligible for pupil premium then please still register through the link above.

Free school meal entitlement - What you need to know

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's 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 - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If eligible, the school will receive pupil premium funding to support your child for 6 years following your application for free school meals.

This will be confidential and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.



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Children who receive pupil premium funding can have support with the following:

- Free school meals (if eligible)
- Discounted school trips
- Additional class support to accelerate children's academic progress- where needed
- Intervention support to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social/emotional skills- where needed
- Holiday activity and food programmes
- Additional termly reports with targets and support
- Access to a school run extra curricula club each year
- Support with uniform where required

Funding for pupil premium students is subject to a specific set of criteria set out by the Government. If you meet the criteria and your child is eligible, the funds are paid directly to the school to support with your child's education.

If you have any further queries regarding Pupil Premium funding, please don't hesitate contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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