

Pott Shrigley Church School's Guide to Pupil Premium

Here's our guide to **Pupil Premium** - what it's all about and how to find out if you qualify. We urge **everyone** to check their eligibility as the funding goes way beyond free school meals and can make a big difference to a school like ours!

What is Pupil Premium?

Additional funding that school can claim. It's available for any child who qualifies for free school meals. The money can be used by the school to provide more support to the children, to help develop children's academic progress, self esteem or social & emotional skills.

Is your child eligible?

Schools are given a pupil premium for children:

- who have had free school meals at any point in the past six years: £1320
- who are or have been looked after under local authority care for more than one day: £2300
- from service families who receive a child pension from the Ministry of Defence: £300

As you can see these amounts are not insignificant and can make a real difference to a child's learning and development.

How is it spent?

Schools choose how to spend their pupil premium money, examples include:

- Extra one-to-one or small-group support for children within the classroom
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work with classes
- Funding a school breakfast club to improve attendance
- Providing music lessons
- Funding educational trips and visits
- Investing in resources that boost children's learning - laptops or tablets

Who receives free school meals?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically eligible for free school meals but only the children who would qualify for free meals under income-based criteria (see below) will also receive the pupil premium. For Years 3 and beyond only those eligible will be entitled to continue having meals for free and access the pupil premium grant.

Whatever year your child is in, if they qualify for free school meals please do tell us (even if they take a packed lunch!) as this might enable us to claim pupil premium.

Rest assured, there is no stigma or even knowledge as to who is in receipt of free school meals at Pott Shrigley – our dining room is simply organised by those who bring packed lunches and those who have a school meal.

How to claim your child's free school meals and / or pupil premium

From April 2018, free school meals and pupil premium are allocated to pupils with a family income under £7400 (net) per year who are most likely in receipt of Universal Credit.

If you think there's a chance your child / children may be eligible please complete the form on the CEC website: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx#PupilPremium

If you'd like to discuss this with a member of the school team please so get in touch via the school office: **01625 573 260**