



## Information for Parents

### September 2019

#### What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011. It represents additional funding that the government gives to schools for each pupil considered to be 'disadvantaged'. The money must be spent on these pupils to support their education, but it is for the school to determine how it is spent. The Department of Education website is a good source of additional information:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/premium>

#### Why does the Government provide a Pupil Premium?

Poverty or low income is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances, with many pupils in low income families having low attainment by age 16. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address these underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.



## Who receives the Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils in school year groups from Reception to Year 11:

- from low income families who are registered for FSM,
- or who have been registered for FSM at any point in the last six years,
- children that have been in care continuously for 6 months or more,
- adopted children who have been in care continuously for 6 months or more prior to adoption are also eligible.

## What is the Service Premium?

The Service Premium grant is for pupils who have a parent serving in the armed services. Unlike the Pupil Premium, this grant is not solely for raising attainment but for providing additional (mainly pastoral) support. Who receives the Service Premium? Pupils with a parent currently serving in the armed services and supporting their family, pupils who have a parent who died in action and those whose parents have left the service since April 2011 for other reasons, including injury. To be eligible, the parent must be supporting their family, so where they are separated or divorced a pupil will not be eligible.



## How do parents register their child's entitlement for Pupil Premium?



Although all pupils in years R, 1 and 2 now receive free school meals as part of the Government's universal hot school meal provision, **this does not mean that any child automatically qualifies for the Pupil Premium.** Parents must still apply for free school meals Pupil Premium Service via:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

This is a quick and simple process: with your National Insurance Number, date of birth, name and child's details and an eligibility check can be carried out using the Department for Education's Eligibility Checking System, this will confirm if details have been matched or not. If you need help completing the application form, please contact **the school office** who can provide support with the application process. Confirmation will be sent to you. The government is made aware of each pupil claiming FSMs each term via the school census so they have up-to-date information on those eligible. Parents working in the services need to ensure that the school is made aware of this.

**Your child may be eligible for free school meals – and accordingly pupil premium – if you receive any of the following benefits:**

- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less
- Universal credit



**From September 2014, all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will qualify for free school meals, regardless of their family income, but only the children who would have qualified for free meals under the above income-based criteria will receive the pupil premium.**



**If your child qualifies for free school meals, it's important that you tell the school – even if they take a packed lunch – as this enables them to claim pupil premium.**

## **How much are the Pupil Premium Grants worth?**

The Pupil Premium for the financial year 2018-19 is £1,320. The Service Premium is now £300 per pupil. This is significant additional money for schools to spend on supporting pupil premium pupils and schools are very keen to ensure that all eligible pupils are 'signed up'.

## How should schools spend the grant?

Schools must spend the grant for the educational benefit of their eligible pupils.



The grant can be spent on services that benefit pupils at the school or their families, in the locality in which the school is situated. Pupil Premium grants can be carried forward to the next financial year if all the money is not spent in the year in which it is allocated.

## Examples of how the Pupil Premium is used at Kings Worthy Primary School

- Pupils visits & trips up to 50% off
- After school care and breakfast club
- Additional Interventions will be offered to your child



These discounts are offered to all the Pupil Premium children from Year R to Year 6.

## Who should parents contact for further information?

Contact **the school office**, if you would like to find out more about registering your child for free school meals/pupil premium funding. This information will be held confidentially by the school. The Head Teacher, **Mr Dodson**, can offer



further information to those parents enquiring about the use of the Pupil Premium.

