



Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals.
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years.
- Are, or have been, in care.
- Have parents in the armed forces.

At Plymstock School we receive an extra £1,035 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

How will this benefit my child?

Additional funding is used to offer more extra-curricular activities.

Additional funding improves the educational offer for your child.

Additional funding is used to offer cultural experiences.

For more information about our pupil premium strategy, please go to our website - it contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please click on the Plymouth City Council webpage link below:

[Free school meals | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](#)

Please contact us if you require any help in completing the registration process or have difficulties in accessing the forms through the internet.

Your child might also be eligible if you're in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact your child's Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year in the first instance or Miss Beth Evans, Inclusion Leader.

Yours sincerely,



Miss B Evans
Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion Leader

