

BENEFITS FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD!

Alongside Free School Meals, the school also receives money to further support eligible pupils in school. The staff in school are best placed to identify what would be of most benefit and carefully plan for additional provision.

Extra provision can include:

- Additional 1:1 reading sessions.
- Homework support.
- Additional in-school resources (e.g. ICT equipment).
- Additional small group work.

In conjunction with the additional provision in school for Pupil Premium children, if you qualify for Free School Meals we will also offer:

- **School Trips** – The school can offer support in funding the cost of any trip/visit organised for their class during the year.
- **Uniform** – Two jumpers or cardigans each year (once in the autumn term and once in the spring term).
- **In School Support** – Access to pastoral support in school via our Learning Mentors, Family Liaison Officer and Pupil Premium Lead.
- **After School Clubs** – Priority spaces for after school clubs run by school staff.

You can apply for Free School Meals at any time during the year. If you apply and are not successful, you can apply again at any time if your circumstances change.

Apply online via the Kent County Council website at;

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>

Alternatively, email us and we can assist you at school.

Let us help you!

If you have any questions or queries about Free School Meals or Pupil Premium Funding please contact Emma Stammers, our Pupil Premium Lead and she will be very happy to help you in confidence.

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Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Information

Be The Best You Can!

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What are Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)?

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they will get a free school meal each day regardless of your income.

What are Free School Meals (FSM)?

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you may be eligible for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

What is Pupil Premium?

Regardless of which year group your child is in, if you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may also be eligible for additional Pupil Premium Funding. This is additional funding given to the school by the government to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

How do I apply for free school meals?

The quickest and easiest way to apply for Free School Meals is to apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/ke nt/>. If you are unable to apply online we can help you out in school. Just email the Pupil Premium Lead and she will be in contact as soon as possible.

Who is entitled to Free School Meals?

Your child may be entitled to receive the Pupil Premium and Free School Meals if you are entitled to receive one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers 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 (your income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get))

My child already receives Free School Meals – do I need to apply for their sibling?

Yes! You need to apply for each child in your family. This is especially important if you have another child who has just joined the school in Reception. They can get the benefits of Pupil Premium Funding even though they already receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

How long will it take my child to start receiving Free School Meals?

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you apply for Free School Meals online, your eligibility will be checked and your application processed straight away. If your application is successful, the school will be notified by email immediately and your child should start receiving their Free School Meal within 24 hours.

Are there any incentives for me to make an application for Free School Meals?

If you apply and are eligible your child will not only receive Free School Meals but a number of other benefits such as additional in-school support, priority spaces at school-run after school clubs and free items of uniform.

Where can I find further information on how pupil premium is spent in school?

More information about Pupil Premium can be found on the school websites at www.furleypark.org.uk and www.ham-street.org.uk or on the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium>

Be Respectful

Be Adventurous

Be Understanding

Be Resilient

Be Inspired

Be Creative

Be Enquiring