



Pupil Premium Funding

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the School receives extra money, which is used to support your child's progress?

Register now to make sure your child does not miss out.

The Pupil Premium Grant is funding provided by the Government to Schools to allow them to help disadvantaged students by improving their progress and the exam results that they achieve. With this money we can provide additional support to your child including:

- Support towards the costs of School Trips
- Support towards the costs of Residential Trips
- Support towards the costs of items of Uniform
- Support towards the costs of Equipment in Extra Curricular Activities
- 1:1 Support / Intervention (if required)
- Counselling Support
- And other Personalised Support as required

We want to provide the very best we can for your child, so please register and help your child's progress and achievement.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Andrea Baker, Registrar, who will help you to register if you require assistance.
3. If you want your child to have a free healthy meal at lunchtime, that is great – they will get the free meal (saving you over £600 per year), and they will also be eligible for the other benefits above.
4. If you do not want your child to have the School meals, they can bring a packed lunch – as long as they qualify, we can still provide the additional benefits.

No-one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. We are committed to confidentiality, and have sent this form to all parents.

If you are unsure and would like further advice, please telephone Andrea Baker, Registrar, on 01580 711804 in complete confidence.

If it helps you can arrange an appointment to pop in to discuss face to face.

If your child is eligible, this is kept strictly confidential and only your child's Head of House, Form Tutor and essential school staff are aware of the circumstances. The procedure for your child to receive their school lunch is exactly the same for those students receiving a paid for lunch.

If you do not receive any of the benefits listed below but would like to find out more, go to www.gov.uk/browse/benefits and/or www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators.

If you want to apply for funding:

- Go to <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>
- Telephone Kent County Council on 03000 415123.

If your circumstances change please contact the school office and you must inform Kent County Council immediately.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- 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 State 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 in prescribed circumstances

Other Students Eligible for Pupil Premium Funding:

- Those who were previously eligible for Free School Meals within the last 6 years.
- Those in care, or previously in care.
- Service children.

Please do notify the School if your child falls into one of the above criterion so that we can ensure we receive the additional funding available.