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Dear parents/carers

Pupil Premium Grant and free school meals

Did you know that at Kenley Primary School, we can receive extra funding 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 for your child, and others.

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

How is pupil premium funding used?

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, our school receives extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

For example, we can use pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building support and interventions
- Concessionary rates for enrichment opportunities including after-school activities, school trips and musical instrument tuition

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

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- 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)

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

Don't all children receive free school meals?

Currently, all primary school children in state-funded schools in London are getting free school meals for the 2024-25 school year. The Mayor of London is providing the funding as an emergency cost of living support measure. This government funding scheme - known as Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) - shouldn't be confused with free school meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because only then will the school receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat 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.

What happens during school holidays?

As part of the Holiday and Food (HAF) Programme, free places at holiday clubs are available during Summer, Easter and Christmas holiday periods to children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.





In addition to this, supermarket vouchers are provided directly to families to support with increased food costs.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please: Contact the school office to ask for a form and the office staff can check on your behalf, or you can complete the form [here](#)

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website [here](#), which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If your family are facing financial difficulties, but do not meet the eligibility criteria for free school meals and pupil premium grant, please get in touch with a member of the school office team or me.

If you have any other questions or specific concerns, please contact the school office who will endeavour to provide you with the information you require.

Kind regards

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Head of School