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PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are aware that COVID-19 has adversely financially affected many families in our community. Perhaps your family circumstances have changed recently and so we want to share some information with you about pupil premium and free school meals in case you might be eligible.

As a school we get extra funding for those children who are eligible for the Pupil Premium grant as well as an early years premium for 3 and 4 year old children whose parents are in receipt of one or more of the benefits listed below. The government also gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to means tested 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 / adopted
- Have parents in the armed forces

On top of universal free school meals for children in Reception/Year 1 and Year 2, if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium they will also get:

- Reduced cost for school clubs and breakfast club
- Reduced cost for school uniform
- Reduced cost for the Year 6 residential trip
- Free school meals no matter what year the child is in

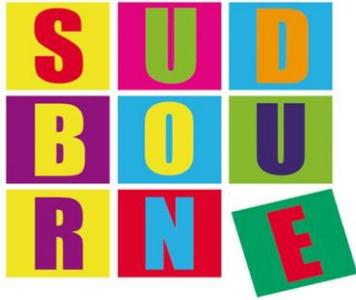
The pupil premium grant provides extra funds for the school to buy resources to support the children and for the school to employ more staff to support the children

What are Means Tested Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- 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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for means tested free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the primary phase of schooling which they're in as of summer 2023.

If you would like the school to check with the local authority your eligibility for means tested free school meals, please complete this very short online form [HERE](#) by Monday 27th September 2021. We will inform you, by email, the result received from the local authority.

Please note that no further action is required if we have already informed you that your child is eligible for means tested free school meals as we will already have your child registered on our records.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please email admin@sudbourne.com
Any enquiry will be treated confidentially.

Yours sincerely,

Sudbourne School Office

