## Pupil Premium

**The Government believes that the Pupil Premium**, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most.

Schools decide how the Pupil Premium, allocated to schools per FSM pupil, is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.  
  
Schools are held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families (details of our Pupil premium provision and spending are attached below). Measures are included in the government performance tables that capture the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium.

Your child may be entitled to some extra funding which can help them get the most out of school. The money can be used in many ways:

• To provide extra Learning Support Assistants, play therapists and a learning mentor to help children improve their academic potential, especially in Maths and English, and also their social and communication skills.

• To provide extra resources.

• To help with the costs of activities such as residential experiences (eg. to the Isle of Wight), trips and visits or joining a school club.

You can apply for this Pupil Premium funding whatever age your child. (It is also called Free School Meal funding as it helps pay for your child’s FSM in KS2). If you think that your income is low and you receive any of the benefits listed below, please apply:

* [Universal Credit](https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit) (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
* [Income Support](https://www.gov.uk/income-support)
* Income-based [Jobseeker's Allowance](https://www.gov.uk/jobseekers-allowance)
* Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance](https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance)
* Support under [Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1999/33/part/VI)
* The guaranteed element of state [Pension Credit](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit)
* [Child Tax Credit](https://www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit) (provided you're not also entitled to [Working Tax Credit](https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit) and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
* [Working Tax Credit](https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit/overview) run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

**Just follow the link below and apply online or fill in a form from the school office.**

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

**Do let the office staff know if you need assistance.**