

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals for Pupils aged 2 to 16 years old

The Department for Education (DfE) currently pays schools a Pupil Premium for each child where parents/carers are claiming certain benefits or if the child ceased to be looked after by the Local Authority even for a day. The amount can be between £300 to £1900 per child, depending on the individual circumstances. In addition, some children may also be eligible for Free School Meals.

Schools use the funding to provide additional educational help even for those children aged 4 to 7 who are already receiving the government's Universal Free School Meal – **SO PLEASE DO STILL APPLY** – your child may benefit from extra help.

The school may decide to use the Pupil Premium funding to:

- Provide additional classroom staff
- Subsidise buying school uniform
- Subsidise payment for school trips
- Provide specially trained staff to help individual children improve in English and Maths or other areas
- Subsidise Breakfast and/or After School Club

Schools need to advise the DfE in January of each year of children who fall into any of these categories. Applying is quick and easy.

Visit: <https://westberks.gov.uk/article/28013/Apply-for-Free-School-Meals>

Or call 01635 503622

Your child may qualify for additional support with their education and have free school meals if you are claiming any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods)
 - Income Support
 - Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
 - Income related Employment Support Allowance support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (from the National Asylum Support Service)
 - the guarantee element of State Pension
 - Credit Child Tax Credit, provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of no more than £16,190
 - Working tax credit run on-paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- PLEASE NOTE: Parents/Carers in receipt of Working Tax Credit are not eligible**