

Dear Parent and Carers,

PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school, including increasing the quality of teaching and learning, targeted support and wider strategies.

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

What Cawston Grange Primary offers children with Pupil Premium funding:

This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer. We have decided that **all** children who receive the pupil premium will receive the following wider strategies:

- 2x School trips per year fully paid for
- Year 6 will receive 50% discount on their residential (after the initial deposit has been paid)
- A choice of: 1x weekly musical instrument lesson for the whole year, 1x Rocksteady club for one term (12 weeks) **OR** 1x weekly paid after school club for the whole year*.

**Paid after school clubs include: Hotshots, DM Football, Funstar, Bayleaf or Kits Academy. These clubs are issued on a first come, first served basis and are subject to availability.*

- Access to **any** of the teacher led after school clubs. *Subject to availability.*

To book your choice of musical instrument or paid after school club, please contact the main school office. To enquire about the teacher led clubs please contact the school office. For more information regarding Pupil Premium funding, please contact Mr Pate or Mrs New.



Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of 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)
- 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)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium. If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the 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.

How do I register?

You only need to register once and the funding lasts for 6 years. To register, please:

- Visit the County website (<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>)
- Complete the form (you will need your name, address and national insurance no.)
- Let us know that you have completed the form and we will look out for the notification

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, 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 you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Mr Pate or Mrs New.