



16 September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Is your child adopted from care or eligible for 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.

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

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)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

You can also find further information regarding eligibility on the Brighter Futures For Children website here: <https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/schools/school-meals/>

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?

If your child is adopted from care, or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) on or after 30 December 2005, or who left care under a Residence Order (RO) on or after 14 October 1991 or you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals and **is not yet registered**, or you have served in the Armed Forces and have not notified us, please register with us by Thursday 29 September 2022 in order for us to claim this funding to further support your child. You can apply for Free School Meals this by completing [this](#) form. We will then be able to check your eligibility for this.

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.

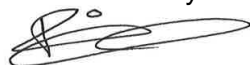
Further information on Free School Meals is available via our website here:
<https://www.maidenerleghschoolreading.co.uk/page/?title=Free+School+Meals&pid=210>

This funding, known as Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus, helps to support personalised learning, the provision of some resources and tutoring and mentoring as appropriate (full details of how we use the Pupil Premium money can be found on our website - Pupil Premium and Catch Up Premium). Further information on how we utilise Pupil Premium Grant funding, and how to make a claim for Pupil Premium support for those already in receipt of this, is available via our website

here:
<https://www.maidenerleghschoolreading.co.uk/page/?title=Pupil+Premium+and+Catch+Up+Premium&pid=19>

Please be assured that access to Pupil Premium funding can only ever be a good thing for a student – the extra funding allows us to provide resources for children that we would not otherwise be able to pay for from school funds.

Yours sincerely



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