



**Petersfield Church of England
(A) Primary School**

**Free School Meals & Pupil
Premium Funding**

What is the Pupil Premium?

The pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011. It represents additional funding that the government gives to schools for each pupil considered 'disadvantaged'. The money must be spent on these pupils to support their education, but it is for the school to determine how it is spent.

Why does the Government provide a Pupil Premium?

Poverty or low income is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances, with many pupils in low income families having low attainment by age 16. The government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address these underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

This guide outlines how to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) for your child which ensures your child also receives Pupil Premium (PP) Funding to support their academic, social and emotional development.

Children from households with lower incomes may be entitled to free school meals. This can

save parents over £400 a year for each primary school child. Your child will receive a two course meal worth over £2.50 every day at primary school. Even if your child is in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) in EYFS and Key Stage 1, it is very important you apply for FSM if you are eligible as we will then receive £1480 per year to support your child.

Children who are looked after by the Local Authority (LAC) or children of service personnel also receive a different rate of funding.

Schools do not receive this grant for those children receiving Universal Free School Meals in EYFS (Ash class) and KS1 (Elm class) unless an application for FSM is made.

Schools must spend the grant for the educational benefit of their eligible pupils to boost progress as reflected in English and Maths. Schools can choose to spend the money in a variety of ways to support Pupil Premium children to achieve and 'close the gap' in their attainment and progress. At Petersfield, we use the grant for provision such as:

- Staff training
- Specialist teachers
- School Led Tutoring
- Small group support
- 1:1 support

- Oral Language interventions
- Athletics club
- Lunchtime support
- Nurture groups
- Intervention and extension group such as in maths, English & phonics
- Subsidised clubs

How do I apply?

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
- 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)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

You can apply by going to:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

All that you need to apply for Free School Meals is:

- Your name
- Your date of birth
- Your National Insurance Number

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Mrs Meredith, Governor, is the Governor Pupil Premium Champion. The school's governing body publishes information on the school website regarding Pupil Premium expenditure. All parents of pupils entitled to this additional funding are entitled to know how it is being spent to enhance their child's progress. Parents are encouraged to enquire direct with staff about the types of strategies being used to support the improved progress.

For more information, please read our Pupil Premium Report, available on our school website, or speak to a member of the Office staff, or Ms Perkins – Pupil Premium Champion - who will be happy to help.



Ms Lynsey Perkins
Pupil Premium Champion



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Pupil Premium Funding – Are you eligible to apply?

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Please take a leaflet.

Working together both to safeguard and to enable all our children to reach their full potential.

God teaches us we are all equal, valued and unique. We are a small rural school with deeply held Christian values (Love, Trust, Peace, Creativity & Friendship) which motivate and inspire us to provide a rich & diverse education. **I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

If you are unsure about anything or have any questions or concerns during your visit, please inform a member of staff immediately or let the school office know.

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