



Pupil Premium – Explained

Outlined below for your information is an explanation of what Pupil Premium is, the benefits associated with it and how to apply.

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What is it?

Pupil Premium is funding paid by the local authority/government directly to schools. For each child eligible for Pupil Premium the school receives £1320.00 per school year.

What are the benefits?

- There are many benefits for both the child and the school, these include: -
- Enabling children to have access to teaching assistants (primarily supporting children with R W M
- Additional funding to support learning, progress and overall achievement
- Small booster group tuition sessions – focus on overcoming gaps in learning
- Support with learning and emotional needs through the purchase of internal resources
- Free School Meals
- Heavily subsidised cost of educational visits, residential trips and music tuition, artists, storytellers, poetry days
- Support access to breakfast club/after school clubs

How do I know if I can apply for Pupil Premium?

To be eligible for Pupil Premium the family must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income - based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income – related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

How do I check eligibility for Pupil Premium?

Please contact the school office and we will support you with your application check.

I realise that not all children who are eligible for Pupil Premium actually wish to apply. However, I would be grateful if you would support the school by letting us know if your child is eligible.

I strongly encourage all eligible parents/carers to apply for this status. No one will know who has registered and it will not affect any other benefits being claimed.

Any children who are entitled to free school meals, whether they take them or not, means that our school is given extra funding to **HELP** support their needs.

I realise that information of this nature is very sensitive and I can assure you that all such information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

If you have any additional questions relating to Pupil Premium please contact the school office in person or via email at cockfield@durhamlearning.net

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