

## What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.

## Who is it for?

- Children who have qualified for free school meals at any point in the past six years.
- Children who are or have been looked after under local authority care for more than one day.
- Children from service families who receive a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

## Who qualifies for free school meals?

Free school meal entitlement is available to children whose parents receive financial support through any of these benefits:

- 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
- Child Tax Credit; this is as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: this is as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

## It's not just about free school meals though.....

Even if your child does not want free school meals, the entitlement also gives the following benefits at our school:

- 1 free sweatshirt and polo shirt each school year
- Discounted price for school trips
- Additional resources and support in school

## But children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 get free school meals anyway?

That's right, all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 can receive universal free school meals regardless of their family income, but only the children who qualify for free meals under the above income-based criteria receive the pupil premium free school meals and the additional benefits through our school.

## Is your child entitled and how to register...

It's really quick and easy. You will need is your National Insurance Number and the name and date of birth of your child. In most cases you will be told straight away if you are eligible.

Go to : [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) and search for free school meals

or contact Mrs Scott through the school office