



***Frome Valley
Pupil Premium
Information leaflet
for Parents***

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What is Pupil Premium?

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families to do their best. This is a government initiative called 'Pupil Premium'. This is paid to schools in addition to main school funding and is the Government's way to address possible inequalities between children's attainment.

My child will get a universal free meal because they are in infant classes (R, 1 and 2), why do I still need to apply?

Although all children in infant classes (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will receive a universal free meal, it is still important that you apply if you might be eligible. This is because, if your child is eligible, the school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium. The school will receive £1,385 per pupil which is used to support the education of all pupils from low-income families as needed, to ensure that they get the same chances as other children. We will use this extra money towards group intervention strategies and one to one support all used to support your child's attainment and progress.

Who is eligible?

The school is given additional funding for children who meet any of the following criteria:

- Have a parent serving in the armed forces
- Are currently entitled to free school meals
- Have been entitled to free school meals within the last 6 years
- Are 'looked after'
- Are covered by a 'Guardianship order'
- Are covered by a 'Residency order'
- Have been adopted from care

Eligibility for Free School Meals

You are eligible to apply for free school meals if you are in receipt of 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. 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. 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. This should be after tax and not including any benefits you get

How do I apply?

1. First check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the above criteria.
2. Registering is quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact the school office, who can help you register.
3. You are also able to apply online, or download an application form and the details of where to send it by following the appropriate links on the Government Website – for more information and to apply online please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.
4. Registration is confidential and will not affect benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us about registering your child as soon as possible.

How does the school use the money?

The school can use the money as it decides (it is not assigned to individual children) but we use the money to support Pupil Premium children and any children that are underperforming or need extra support. Each year, we publish a Pupil Premium strategy on our website and evaluate it at the end of each academic year. We are also accountable to Ofsted for the use of our Pupil Premium money.

The Pupil Premium Allowance

We offer parents of children that are in receipt of Pupil Premium an annual £100 allowance that can be used for school-based activities. It can be used for:

- school uniform
- contribution to trips
- contribution to Hooke Court
- contribution to music lessons

The £100 **must** be used in an academic year and **cannot** be carried forward to another academic year. **All uniform receipts MUST be received by 20.4.26. We will not accept any uniform receipts after this date.** The £100 allowance **cannot** be used for extended services (Breakfast Club and Happy Valley). Each £100 allowance is for an individual child and cannot be used for a sibling in the school.

The school and parents will keep a record of money spent and any uniform bought by parents must include a receipt to be reimbursed.

**Please support your school by applying
for the Pupil Premium Grant
if you are eligible.**