

Could your child be eligible for extra funded support in school?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. However, your child may also be eligible for free school meals <u>beyond Year 2</u> and your child could also get <u>valuable extra funding through the pupil premium</u> if you meet the qualifying criteria.

Extra support you could benefit from:

- Free school dinners in Year 3 onwards
- Free items of uniform
- Financial support with all school trips and activity days
- One after school club paid for each term
- Money spent on extra resources to boost your child's progress.

You are eligible to apply for Pupil Premium if you receive one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- National asylum seeker support
- 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)
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.

Please telephone the Free School Meals Service on 0116 252 7009 or visit <u>www.leicester.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</u> to apply online.

If you need support accessing the online service, please have a quiet word with the school office and we can assist you with an application in school.

Only school staff know which children qualify for Pupil Premium, children are not aware if they qualify or not. You can be added to the list on a temporary basis if you have a change of circumstances.



