



BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Free School Meal Eligibility and Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is the additional funding given to schools for pupils who have been registered as being entitled to Free School Meals at any point in the last 6 years. Schools receive this funding to support their eligible pupils and narrow the attainment gap between them and their peers. If your child is in Year 2 or below, currently they can receive **universal free school meals** however they could still be entitled to **Free School Meals/Pupil Premium (FSM/PP)**.

Currently pupils who qualify for Free School Meals are entitled to:

- Paid school trips
- School sweatshirts – 2 per year will be provided and 1 PE Kit
- Children may receive additional tuition, where appropriate, for a time limited period to impact positively on their progress and achievement
- Out of school activities – Families will be able to approach the school about the funding of **one out of school activity** per child, for a limited time, if it proves beneficial to their learning and well-being.

Listed below are some of the benefits and criteria you may need for Free School meals/Pupil premium.

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit, provided you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190. N.B. If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do not qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190
- Members of HM Armed Forces or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence?
- Has your child been adopted (e.g. from Local Authority Care) or is your child under special guardianship, child arrangement or a residence order?

If your child does not have school meals or qualifies for Universal Infant Free School Meals you could still be entitled to 'Free School Meals'

If your financial circumstances change for any reason during the year please contact the school office to see if your child could benefit from pupil premium funding.



You are able to apply for your child's free school meals online. Your eligibility will be checked and your application processed fairly quickly. And even if you are only eligible to receive FSM/PP for a few weeks, your child will receive the benefits of this for the time they are in Primary School and maybe into Secondary School (6 further years)

How to apply

You can use the link below, or come and see me at the school office and I would be only too willing to help you to complete the form online. It literally takes a matter of minutes to complete. You will need your National Insurance number to do so.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>

It is worth trying for even if you are not sure that you are entitled to it.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Starling
Admissions and Attendance Officer

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