



EXCALIBUR PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Excalibur Primary School, we get an extra £1,320 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we are able to offer.

We have used pupil premium funding for a range of activities, including:

- Educational provision
- Educational resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- School trips

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
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- **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**, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, as part of the Government funding scheme - Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. This is different to Pupil Premium and Free School Meals.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because that will enable us to receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to have the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to have them.

If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register as the school can use the funding to support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

To register, please:

- **Ring 0300 123 5012**
- **visit http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx**

More information

For more information about how Pupil Premium, including how funding is allocated in our school and the impact of our spending, please refer to our website at <http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/pupil-premium/6321>

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Juliet Jones
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