



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

A free and easy way to help your child reach their full potential!

Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money which will be used to help your child? The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. For each child registered Sutton CE (VC) Primary School will receive a minimum of **£1345** this year.

At Sutton School we plan to use this money to directly benefit our Pupil Premium children in some of the following ways...

Support children in and out of the classroom to help them with their learning and to make good progress



Support children to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills so that they are ready and able to learn.



Help with the cost of school trips and music tuition. All Pupil Premium children are eligible for music tuition on one instrument at 50% of the cost (half price!)

If you register for Free School Meals (even if your child does not want a school meal) then the school will receive the extra funding which will **benefit your child**. Once you have been granted Free School Meals the school will continue to receive and use this funding for a further six years to help your child, even if your circumstances change.

It is necessary for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are in receipt of the benefits listed overleaf to register for Pupil Premium Funding, even though your child already receives a Universal Infant Free School Meal. This will ensure that school receives the money your child is entitled to and we can start to help them in the areas outlined above.

Do I qualify for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Funding?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

Income Support

Universal Credit

Income Based Job Seekers Allowance

Income related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income of less than £16190

How do I apply for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Funding?

Check that you receive one of the benefits listed above

Pop into the school office and pick up a short application form or apply online at

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

- the application is quick and easy to complete requiring only basic information such as National Insurance number and dates of birth.

You will not need to send any evidence of your qualifying benefits with the application.

Registration is confidential and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If you have any questions or queries please contact the school office or come and speak to Mrs Garbutt (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs McCullough (Pupil Premium Champion)

