

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of pupils who qualify and close the gap between them and their peers. The school will receive up to £1,320 (2019-20) per qualifying pupil. This can add up to a lot of extra funding for the school, which can be used to help children fulfil their potential as they grow older.

There are 4 ways to qualify for pupil premium:

1. Free school meal eligibility including those who are no longer eligible for FSM, but who have been eligible at some point in the last 6 years
2. Service children
3. Children adopted from care, or where there is a special guardianship order and residence order
4. Children in care

Any qualifying family that registers their eligibility (based on the free school meal criteria) will help raise pupil premium money for the school.

**Do I need to apply for pupil premium?** (based on free school meal criteria)

You only need to apply if you have a child in reception, year 1 or year 2 and both of the following apply:

- you do not have an existing free school meal claim
- you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits (see [School meals](#) for a list of the qualifying benefits)

**How to apply**

Through the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.