

What is the Pupil Premium Grant?

The Pupil Premium Grant provides additional funding on top of the main funding a school receives. It is targeted at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as pupils from less deprived families. The main purpose of the funding is to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils by closing the gap with their peers.

Who receives the Pupil Premium Grant?

The Pupil Premium Grant is given directly to schools to support pupils

- from low-income families who are registered for 'Free School Meals'
- who have been registered for 'Free School Meals' at any time in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM')
- who are in the care of the Local Authority (children looked after 'CAL')
- who have been adopted since 2005
- with a parent currently serving in the armed services or whose parents have left the service since April 2017

The school continues to receive Pupil Premium Grant for a child for six years, **even if they are no longer entitled to 'Free School Meals'**.

Please contact the school if your child has been adopted or has a parent either currently serving in the armed services or has left the service since April 2017. Thank you.

Are you eligible?

Free school meals and clothing vouchers are available for your child(ren) if you are receiving one of the following qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit (threshold of £7,400)
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have a gross income of no more than £16,190

Please note: if you are in receipt of **working tax credits** you **may not** be eligible for free school meals or clothing grants.

From September 2014, all children in Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 qualify for free school meals (Universal Free School Meals) regardless of their family income, but only the children who have qualified under the above income-based criteria will receive the Pupil Premium Grant.

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2023-24

- £1,455 - 'Free School Meals' and 'Ever 6 FSM'
- £2,530 - adopted or looked-after children
- £320 - service children

How to apply

1. Check the list on the left to see if you qualify.
2. Where possible, all parents and carers should apply online via Westmorland and Furness Council's Citizen Portal. You will first need to register to use the Citizen Portal, go to www.westmorlandandfurness.go.uk and search 'Free School Meals'. The process can be quick with online applications and you will receive an immediate response advising whether you are eligible or not.
3. If you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team—telephone 0300 373 3300.
4. **You still need to apply to receive the benefits of the Pupil Premium Grant** even if your child is eligible for a free meal because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.
5. If you are eligible and do apply, your child does not need to have a school meal each day to qualify for the benefits of the Pupil Premium Grant.
6. If you are unsure whether you are eligible or require assistance with your application please do contact the school office for further information and support (all enquiries will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially).
7. We ask that you help us to help your child by ensuring that you have checked to see if you are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant.

What difference will it make for my child?

We think there may be many families who could be eligible but have not applied for a range of reasons.

The Pupil Premium Grant could make a big difference to your child's future as with this money Heron Hill Primary School can provide the following for your child:

- * **school funded day visits**
- * **school funded residential visits**
- * **school funded workshops and theatre performances etc**
- * **additional resources or equipment for your child**
- * **school funded after-school activity**
- * **school subsidised peripatetic music lessons**
- * **annual uniform voucher for school sweatshirts or cardigans plus book or gym bag**
- * **where appropriate, the school will also provide access to additional support for your child's learning and/or well-being.**

Your child will receive these benefits for **six years** even if you are only eligible for free school meals for a short period of time.

Contacts:

**Free School Meals Service
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Kingmoor Business Park
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Information for Parents