



Pupil Premium

What is Pupil Premium?

The pupil premium grant provides funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England. It is an income-based entitlement.

Is my child eligible?

Your child may be eligible if you are in receipt of one of the following qualifying benefits:

- 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 Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

How do I apply for Pupil Premium?

If your child is already receiving Pupil Premium/Free School Meals, there is no need to submit a new application when they move to a new class or school.

www.schoolsparentportal.cheshireeast.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home

You will be taken to the parent portal to register or log in first.

You will need your National Insurance number and your child's date of birth to complete the form. The form will take 10 minutes to complete.

The Government eligibility checker is used to confirm your entitlement. Successful claims can begin the same day. If your claim is not successful or you need to send more proof, Cheshire East will contact you by phone or email.

Email address – freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Telephone number - 0300 123 5012

Do I still need to register if my child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?

Yes. All children in these year groups are provided with a fully funded school lunch (Universal Infant Free School Meals). This runs separately to Pupil Premium. Only the children who have qualified under the above income-based criteria will be in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

Children in Care

A looked-after child is a child in the care of a local authority, often called a child in care (CiC). A previously looked-after child (PLAC) is a child who is no longer in local authority care but left care under a specific order, such as an adoption order, a special

guardianship order (SGO), or a child arrangements order (CAO). Schools have a special duty to support both groups, often through a designated teacher, and provide them with additional funding like Pupil Premium Plus to help with their educational and emotional needs.

Service Pupil Premium

The [Service Pupil Premium \(SPP\)](#) is extra funding for eligible schools to support children from service families. It is used to provide pastoral support to help mitigate the challenges of family mobility, separation, or parental deployment.

Can I speak to somebody at school about this?

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