



## Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

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Dear parents/ carers

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll 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's 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 South End Junior, we get an extra £1,455 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 offer. For example, we've previously used the pupil premium funding for:

- After school tuition
- Whole staff training on highly effective maths teaching
- Additional educational resources
- Booster phonics
- Subsidising of trips and experiences
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

### ***Is my child eligible for free school meals?***

Your child might be eligible if you access:

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

Your child might also be eligible if you're in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

### ***Does my child have to eat the free school meals?***

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

### ***How do I register?***

You only need to register once at the school.

To check your eligibility and register, please visit the North Northants Council webpage by clicking the following link: [North Northants - Free School Meals](#). If you have any queries regarding an application that you have submitted, you can contact North Northants Council using the email: [Freeschoolmeals.NCC@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Freeschoolmeals.NCC@northnorthants.gov.uk).

Kind regards

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