

# free school meals



## Pupil Premium

### Information for Parents/Carers whose children are starting school

**My child is starting school on a part-time basis, may I claim a funded hours until they are in school full-time?**

No. Once your child has started in Reception year at a school, you are no longer entitled to access early years funding for their childcare, no matter how many hours are being taken there. If, due to your family's circumstances, your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, this funding will also go to the school.

**Now that my child is starting school, do I need to apply for Free School Meals (FSM)?**

All children starting reception are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. However, although your child will receive a school meal under the Universal Free School Meal entitlement, in order to obtain the Pupil Premium for your child and their school, you need to complete a Free School Meals (FSM) form which collects the information needed to make a check for eligibility. [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

**My child's childcare provider was in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium, do I need to apply for Pupil Premium?**

If we already hold your details, and your child was eligible for economic reasons, we will be able to make that check for you using a secure Electronic Checking System (ECS). You will be notified of the outcome. If your child is entitled, they will continue to benefit from the additional government funding.

**My child wasn't in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium, do I need to apply for Pupil Premium?**

If you provided your surname, date of birth and NI number or NASS number previously, you do not need to re-apply for Pupil Premium as we hold your details and will advise you if your child becomes eligible.

If you have not previously provided your details to your childcare provider, then you will need to apply by completing a Free School Meals (FSM) form. Even if you don't think you would qualify at this point, once you have completed the form, we will be able to continue to check economic eligibility throughout your child's school years using the ECS. You will be notified if you become eligible. The form may be given to you by your school or you can access it online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

**What is the criteria for Pupil Premium?**

The economic criteria are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

If your child meets one of the criteria below, please discuss with your school:

- been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
- been adopted from care in England or Wales
- left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the Education Welfare Benefits team by email [ewb\\_fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb_fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or on 01223 703200  
Or look at the website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

If you apply and qualify for Free School Meals, your child's school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium, **up to £1,320 a year**.

Even though all children in Key Stage 1 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals, your child's school can only benefit from Pupil Premium funding if you apply, and are eligible, for Free School Meals. Don't delay the funding... apply today!

Schools spend the pupil premium money on anything that can help your children do well at school, including trips, activities and extra support.

Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, your child will continue to receive Free School Meals until:

- The end of Year 6 (if they are in primary school on **31 August 2025**)
- The end of Year 11 (if they are in secondary school on **31 August 2025**)

This is even if your income rises above the threshold at any point during that time.

#### Eligibility

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop working altogether or start to work less than 16 hours per week)
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

To apply, visit

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)



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### Instructions for Parents



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2. Create yourself an account.
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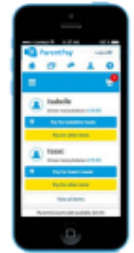
#### What are the benefits to our school?

- You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services
- Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school
- Improves school security
- Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises

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