

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

If your child is eligible for free school meals it is vital that you register them in order to ensure school receives additional funding for them called pupil premium. This money enables school to provide your child with additional educational provision and resources in school. This includes school trips and visits; free items of school uniform; free milk and free after school clubs for all children who qualify.

Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all receive universal free school meals thanks to a different funding scheme separate to pupil premium funding. Once a child reaches Year 3, or is in Years 4, 5 and 6, you can still apply for additional funding through pupil premium if your personal circumstances meet the pupil premium criteria below. If you do not qualify all school meals **must** be paid for.

Your child might be eligible for pupil premium/ free school meal funding if you access:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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 are 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 income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Pupil premium is also provided for children who are

- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have a parent/s in the armed forces

Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want to provide your child with park lunches you can still register in order to ensure their pupil premium funding comes into school.

Please register online for free school meals at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/>

Alternatively call into school and speak to Mrs Tetley or Miss Hanson who can help you through the application process.



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