



Hockley Heath Academy

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Dear Parents,

You may be aware that the government introduced "The Pupil Premium Grant" in April 2011 and schools are allocated additional funding into their school budget. The purpose of the grant is to raise achievement and outcomes for these pupils.

WHAT IS PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2010
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CLAIMING FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

WHICH PUPILS QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- 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 (as long as 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



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In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. This is known as universal infant free school meals. If you have not registered for this yet, please complete the form online.

HOW IS THE PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING USED?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

For more information about how we use Pupil Premium funding, please see the report on the school website which is located under the heading: governance and policies.

External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

Apply for free school meals or register for universal infant free school meals

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link.

Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings>

Yours sincerely,

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