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Together Towards Excellence

Free school meals and the pupil premium

Find out if your child can get free school meals and how to apply, and understand how to get extra funding for your school.

Get extra funding for your child's school

We're asking all parents whose children go to school in Bristol to find out if their child can get free schools meals and to register for Pupil Premium funding.

Pupil Premium funding goes directly to the school and pays for things like school trips, breakfast clubs, or additional teachers and assistants to provide extra support and 1 to 1 tutoring.

Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is extra funding for every child who's eligible for free school meals throughout their time at school.

Pupil Premium funding is around £1320 per primary school child and around £935 per secondary school child.

This money makes a big difference to schools and the eligible pupils. Your child's school reports on how they spend the money on its website.

Children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Apply for Pupil Premium funding

You should apply for Pupil Premium funding if you receive income support, tax credits or the other benefits shown on this page so that your child's school will get extra funding.

All children up to Year 2 automatically get free school meals.

If you think your child might be entitled to the Pupil Premium funding, download and complete the [checker form \(pdf, 109KB\) \(opens new window\)](#) and return it to your child's school.

Children in Year 3 and older (including secondary schools)

You can apply for free school meals and Pupil Premium from Year 3 onwards if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as 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 (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get. This is also called the 'minimum income floor'.) If your child is eligible for free school meals they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2023.

Apply for free school meals and Pupil Premium

Applying online is the easiest way. You'll get an immediate decision or we'll tell you if we need more information. Click blue box below to complete application.

[Apply online](#)