



Bishop John Robinson CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Pupil Premium Grant is an additional fund available to schools, which is paid at £1,455 per pupil per year, in addition to the usual funding schools get for each child on role. This money helps provide additional support for pupils – through interventions, small teaching groups, mentoring, sports coaching and clubs. The Grant, once deemed eligible, also provides a free school meal for a pupil for a further 6 years.

Children in Reception and Key Stages 1 and 2 currently receive Universal Free School Meals, however, parents and carers will be required to pay for school dinners once their child begins secondary school. An application for Pupil Premium can be made at any time, and lasts for 6 years before parents or carers need to reapply.

If any of the following benefits applies (even for a short time), then your child is likely to be eligible for this additional school funding and a free school meal:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less
- Children who are or have been in care (for one night or more), and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to pupil premium.

In addition, pupils who have qualified for free school meals on the above grounds in the past, but are no longer eligible, continue to receive pupil premium for the next six years, meaning the school could receive £8,730 during your child's primary education. As a school, we also receive the Pupil Premium Grant for your child each year until they reach the end of Year 6. A number of selective and private schools also offer bursaries for pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant.

Please be assured that the school do not need to see proof of any benefits you receive, nor do benefits in any way reflect negatively on a family – many of our local community have faced uncertain times during the cost of living crisis so far, and the Pupil Premium Grant is available to support children flourish in our school.

We do not publically identify those in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, nor do we run intervention groups for the Pupil Premium children – we do however use the additional funding to enable us to employ specialist and additional staff to offer the best support possible for the children in our school, which many of our non-eligible pupils also benefit from.

If our school percentage of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant increases, we can also be eligible (as a school) to apply for additional grants and bursaries, to supplement sports clubs, after school activities, swimming lessons, PGL trips etc.



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As a school, we are responsible for recording the children who are eligible for pupil premium in their annual school census – parents and carers don't have to do anything, other than making sure you complete the necessary form(s).

If you are a Bexley resident, the council has an online checker which can tell you if you are likely to be eligible, please visit: <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/how-apply-free-school-meals> to check your eligibility.

If you are a Greenwich resident, please visit the following page to complete a short application form: <https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/xfp/form/613> to check your eligibility.

As an example, if 10 pupils' parents and carers completed a successful Pupil Premium Grant form, we could receive in excess of £80,000 of additional funding across those 6 years – which could pay for an additional member of support staff to work with pupils, providing interventions and individual or small group support. If 20 more pupils become eligible, that could fund an additional teacher!

The funding allowance for the 2023-2024 academic year has already been confirmed as increasing to £1,455 per eligible pupil.

It is free to check your eligibility and takes only a few moments. The school are not told about your personal circumstances or finances, we simply get a tick box and an additional name on our Pupil Premium Grant list. Checking your eligibility also does not impact on your credit score. The funding however, as outlined above, could have a significant impact on helping pupils' progress.

There is more information about Free School Meals on our school website: <https://www.bishopjohnrobinsonprimary.co.uk> > Information > Free School Meals and a more detailed report about how the Pupil Premium Grant is spent: About Us > Inclusion and PP > Pupil Premium.

If you have any questions, or would like any support with completing the Pupil Premium Grant application forms, please speak to a member of staff or the school office in confidence.

Yours faithfully,

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