



AM I ELIGIBLE?

Your child might be eligible for free school meals if you access:

- Income support.
- Income based jobseeker's allowance.
- Income related Employment and Support allowance.
- Support under part VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999.
- Guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit.
- Working tax credit run-on.
- Universal credit.

Your child might also be eligible if you have been recently unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits.

WHAT IS PUPIL PREMIUM?

The Pupil premium grant is a valuable source of addition funding provided to schools by the government. This funding is designed to support children's education and help ensure every child meets their full potential.

We receive this funding for any child who is eligible for free school meals or has been at any point in the last six years. Even though all children in KS1 get free schools meals every day, this funding is separate and makes a big difference to what we can offer in school.

For every child who qualifies, the school receives an extra £1,050 to £2,570 each year. This money goes directly towards helping children and can be used for a variety of resources and activities to help boost their confidence, well being and learning. You can see how this money is being used by looking at the pupil premium strategy on the school website.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you think your child might be eligible for pupil premium, we really encourage you to apply **even if your child is in KS1 and is already receiving free school meals**. It's quick, confidential and can have a real impact on your child's education.

You can either apply online:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>

or collect a form from the school office and they will send this on for you.

Thank you for taking the time to read and for your continued support.

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