

What is the Pupil Premium?

Dear Parents,

Did you know that your child's school could be missing out on **£1,345** of funding per year for **6 YEARS** to help **your child** to succeed?

Schools in Solihull are amongst the **lowest** funded in England, so think what a difference this funding might make to your child's future: better resources, more staff to help in class, financial support for you towards trips and clubs, specialist training for staff, more catch-up groups, more support with key skills, mentoring

We think there may be lots of families who could be eligible, but have not applied for a range of reasons.

The **Pupil Premium** is additional government money paid to schools to support children:-

- (a) In Reception to Year 6 who are **currently entitled to free school meals** based on their family income
- (b) In Reception to Year 6 who were **previously entitled to benefits-based free school meals, even if they're no longer eligible**

- (c) In care
- (d) Previously in care who have been adopted, or who have a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order
- (e) Children recorded as being from service families (£310 per pupil)

(please [✓] any that apply to your child)

If you have ticked any of the boxes, please contact our school office to share your supporting evidence, in confidence.

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Email: office@meriden.solihull.sch.uk

By the way... completing this application form does not mean that your child has to eat a school dinner if you don't want them to, but it might mean that your child's school gets the extra funding it needs and deserves to help your child succeed.

If none of the above applies to your family, **thank you** for taking the time to read this. Maybe you know someone else who should? If so, please pass it on.

Find out more about **Free School Meals** here:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals>

The Government currently gives a grant to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium' and it targets young people eligible for free school meals.

If you are eligible for pupil premium, it gives you so much more than free school meals!

Last year the funding was spent in several ways. We increased the classroom support for eligible children, which helped their engagement in lessons and provided them with extra feedback on their learning. We paid for school trips which enriched the curriculum and enabled them to participate in peripatetic music lessons which they may have otherwise been unable to access. We also purchased new resources.

No-one will know your child receives pupil premium unless you tell them. School will keep it confidential.

If you think you may be eligible, please talk to Mrs Smith or Mrs Alves in the office, or Sarah Parker, our Family Community Mentor.



We could help pay for your child to take part in clubs such as Football and Gymnastics!

We could help pay for music tuition, enabling them to learn a skill that they may otherwise not be able to access.

We could help pay for trips and visits.

REMEMBER:

Once you are eligible, the funding is attached to your children for **6** years. It is different to Free School Meals, so even if you are not eligible for free school meals after a year, Pupil Premium will not be removed.

If you want any further information about how Pupil Premium is spent in our school, please visit

www.meridenceprimaryschool.com/pupilpremium

or speak to the office, Miss Parker or Mrs Anderton in confidence.

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Is your child missing out on thousands of pounds worth of support?

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Help our school to help your child.

