

Pupil Premium Information 2013-2014
FSM (Free School Meals)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know ... your child could be missing out on up to **£900** a year,
to help with their education.

Just registering your child for Free School Meals means that Bolshaw Primary School
gets extra money just for them?

Register now to make sure they don't miss out.

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 and is allocated to schools to work with pupils who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years.

For every child registered, school received £660 per child last year, totalling £8722 last year. This year, this amount is expected to rise and each child could be entitled to receive up to £900, specifically to help support their education.

As a school we can decide how to use this funding for your child. We will assess what additional provision your child needs and use the money specifically to help support them in that area of their education. This extra money allows us to provide that additional support which our main budget doesn't allow for. Below are just a few of the different ways in which we can help support your child in school. They could receive:

- extra support through individual or small group intervention programmes from our experienced learning support assistants and teaching assistants.
- help to fund school trips, residentials and extra curricular activities
- help to purchase additional resources and fund other opportunities to boost their learning
- extra support from our Learning Mentor to help them overcome barriers to their learning
- help towards individual musical tuition and instrument hire

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Please read the information overleaf to find out if your child is entitled to this extra money.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify - it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy - if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Nixon who will give you a form or log onto:
<http://www.stockport.gov.uk/services/advicebenefitsgrants/benefits/fresschoolmeals1>
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great - they will get the free meal (saving you approx £390 a year), extra benefits and the school still gets the extra money to support their education.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue with sandwiches - as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the extra money for them.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

If you receive any of the above benefits please come and talk to us about registering your child today. We do not want your child to miss out on any extra funding that will help us, help support your child with their education, now and in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Lynda Brown
Headteacher
Bolshaw Primary School