

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, not only will your child be able to receive free meals every day at school, but we will also receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school for your child.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help students reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for students who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Alperton Community School we get an extra £1,035 for every eligible student who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used student premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)



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Your child might also be eligible if you're in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Students who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

To instantly find out if you are eligible, please go to the follow website <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> where you will be asked for your name, DOB, National Insurance number and email address. If you are eligible, you will receive an email certificate of eligibility that you may forward to m.cathcart@alperton.brent.sch.uk

You may also check on the Brent Council website <https://www.brent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals#ismychildeligibleforfreeschoolmeals>

More information

For more information about student premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Ms Cathcart at m.cathcart@alperton.brent.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Ms Cathcart

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