

# Are you Eligible for Pupil Premium?

The government wants every child to do their best at school and, to help families on lower incomes, has created a pot of money called the Pupil Premium. For each child whose family claims Pupil Premium, school receives £1320, which goes to fund extra activities, such as our brilliant therapeutic curriculum, our after school clubs and extra staff to support your child in school.

## Who can apply?

You can register your child for Pupil Premium 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 you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please note you are **not** eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

## There are other ways that school can claim Pupil Premium.

- If your child has been adopted from care or is under a Special Guardianship Order, it is important to let us know, so that we can claim extra funding of approximately £1900 a year to support your child at school. The same applies to children who have been under local authority care or who have been provided with accommodation by the local authority.
- Your child is also entitled to Pupil Premium if you or your partner has served in the armed forces in the past six years or is in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

## How does it work? What do I need to do?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please check the list above, carefully.
2. If you are eligible, registering is really quick and easy – apply online at <http://myfreeschoolmeals.com>

3. Even if your child does not eat, or eats very little, he or she can still benefit from the funding that school gets if you have registered for Free School Meals.
4. Even if your child has a packed lunch, or is gastrostomy fed, we can still claim the Pupil Premium if you apply.
5. At the moment, all children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. ***This makes it even more important to let us know if you think you would qualify, even without this entitlement.***
6. If you have more than one child, you only need to register online once and include the names and schools of EACH child. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1,320 extra.
7. **No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.**

To find out more about how Hadrian School uses Pupil Premium Funding, you can visit our website.

If you would like to talk about Pupil Premium at Hadrian School, or would like some confidential support in filling in the forms, please contact Bev Heron on 0191 2734440.