



# The Southwater Infant Academy

## “Growing, Learning and Succeeding Together”

Dear Families,

Many of our families will be aware of the Pupil Premium funding that is provided to schools to support children's learning. This is also known as Free School Meals entitlement. For any of our families who are new to us, Pupil Premium is **additional school funding that is provided for certain children**. It is paid directly to schools and is used to improve the achievement and progress of children's learning.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for Pupil Premium. Your child is eligible for Pupil Premium if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Most decisions regarding eligibility for Pupil Premium are made based on the financial income of a family, however children can also be eligible for Pupil Premium in other specific circumstances. You can read more about this using the link below.

[The parent's guide to the pupil premium | TheSchoolRun](#)

At the infant academy, all our children are entitled to a free hot meal, therefore we are aware that some families do not apply for Pupil Premium until the children reach junior age. This unfortunately means that we miss out on vital funding that could be used to further support these children and families at school. Some examples of what we use the Pupil Premium funding for are:

- supporting families to enable children to take part in an afterschool club
- providing uniform items for children
- offering free milk at school
- support when paying for school trips or visits
- free vouchers to redeem at Supermarkets during half terms and holidays.
- small group, or one to one support for children at school to maximise progress

The application is a simple and straightforward process- [click here](#). We are very happy to support with filling in the form, which we can do in person or over the phone. We don't need to know details of your financial situation, and all the information you provide is kept confidential.

If you think that there is a possibility that your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding, please do make an application, as the funding that we receive enables us to make a big difference to the children and their learning

Yours sincerely



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