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“SMILING, CARING AND LEARNING TOGETHER ON A JOURNEY WITH GOD”

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we want to encourage you to register them.

As you will know, all children in reception, year 1 or year 2 get free school meals anyway through a different scheme. However, if they are eligible for free school meals, we still really want you to register – see why below.

Why register for free school meals?

Children who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them if you prefer them to have packed lunches.

But registering them is still important because for every child registered for free school meals, the school gets an extra **£1,480** through 'pupil premium' funding.

Every child registered for free school meals makes a big difference to the school.

You can find more information about pupil premium on our website. Here you can see what we spent it on in the last academic year and how it will be spent this year. For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Securing robust mental health and well-being support to ensure all children are ready to learn and have access to appropriate support for their social and emotional needs.
- Diminishing the difference in learning outcomes in reading and writing at KS1 between children deemed disadvantaged and other pupils.
- Securing improvements in the speech, language and communication skills of children in the EYFS to ensure KS1 starting points are at least in line with national measures.
- Diminishing the difference in attendance between children deemed disadvantaged and their peers.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

If you receive these benefits, your child may be eligible:

- 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 (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - but not if you receive Working Tax Credit

- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less.

Your child may also get free school meals if you receive any of these benefits and your child is younger than the compulsory age for starting school **and** in full-time education.

How do I register?

[Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#)

For information on registering for free school meals if you are a household with no recourse to public funds, see our FAQs on the following pages.

More information

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the school office at office@nyewoodinf.co.uk or call us on 01243 823283

You can also find more information at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

Best wishes,



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Pupil premium and free school meals: FAQs

Pupil premium FAQs

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium is additional funding for schools for pupils 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

How much pupil premium funding does the school receive?

At Nyewood CE Infant School, we get an extra **£1,480** for the 2024/2025 financial year for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money makes a real difference to the quality of education we can offer.

Free school meals (FSM) FAQs

Will the fact my child is registered for FSM be made public?

We keep this information as confidential as possible. We do not publish identifying details of children registered for FSM.

My household has no recourse to public funds (NRPF). Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Children of households with NRPF may be eligible, this includes:

- 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

The maximum income thresholds for families with NRPF who can work are:

- £26,300 for families outside London with 2 or more children
- £34,800 for families within London with 2 or more children

Families with NRPF must also have no more than £16,000 in capital and savings to be eligible for FSM.

My child already has free school meals: are they still eligible?

If your child/ren was eligible for free school meals on 1 April 2018 or since then, they will continue to be eligible until 31 March 2025 and then until the end of primary school, even if your household no longer meets the income eligibility threshold.

If your child has already been registered for free school meals, you **do not** need to apply again this year.
