



Pupil Premium

WHAT IS PUPIL PREMIUM?

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011. It represents additional funding that the government gives to eligible students. The money must be used to support their education, but it is for the school to determine how it is spent.

ELIGIBILITY

Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 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 – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Additionally, children who are currently looked after by a local authority, children who have been adopted from care, and children with parents in the regular armed forces (Service Pupil Premium) are also eligible.

WHY YOU SHOULD APPLY

Even though all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, you must still register if you meet the benefit criteria. Registering ensures your child's school receives the Pupil Premium, which can provide your child with extra support such as:

- 1-to-1 or small group tutoring
- Subsidised school trips or music lessons
- Financial help for school uniforms and equipment
- Targeted pastoral or mental health support

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for Pupil Premium please visit:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/help-cost-going-school/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>