



## Do you receive any of these benefits?

Your child might be able to get freeschool meals if you get any of the following:

- 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



## EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

If your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a hot free school meal everyday as part of the national Universal Free School Meals Scheme.

Even if your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2, it is important that if you receive a qualifying benefit you still register for free school meals under the eligibility scheme.

This means the school receives extra money to help with their education.

## How to apply?

Web Link:

[Staffordshire CC Free School Meals](#)

Tel: 0300 111 8007

E-Mail:

[freeschoolmeals@Staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@Staffordshire.gov.uk)

## Pupil Premium

## Information for Parents

2020 - 2021

Don't let your child miss out!

Did you know that extra money could be available to help your child's learning and development?



# What is the Pupil Premium (PP)?



The Pupil Premium is extra government money which is paid to schools to support children's learning and development.

Our school can choose how to best spend the Pupil Premium money and we will work with families to ensure your child benefits from the extra funding.

Schools receive money for each pupil of compulsory school age who fits the eligibility criteria. There are four categories of eligibility for Primary aged pupils, with different amounts of funding attached:

- Pupils in year groups EYF5 to Y6 who are in receipt of Free School Meals. (£1,320)
- Pupils deemed as 'Looked After Children', ie those in the care of the Local Authority (£1,900)
- Pupils previously cared for by the Local Authority (£1,900)
- Pupils with parents in the regular armed forces (£300).

## How does Highfields spend Pupil Premium?

### **Schools can choose how to spend their pupil premium**

**grant**, as they are best placed to identify what would be of most benefit to the children who are eligible. Some of the ways in which Highfields spends the pupil premium fund include:

- Extra one-to-one or small-group support for students within the classroom.
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work with classes.
- Running catch-up sessions for children who need extra help with mathematics or literacy.
- Providing extra tuition for able students who receive the pupil premium, for example in preparation for examinations
- Providing music lessons for students whose families would be unable to pay for them.
- Investing in resources that boost student's learning.

Often, **all of the children in a class will reap some benefit from how the school spends its Pupil Premium Grant**: for example, if the money is used to fund an additional Teaching Assistant who works across the whole class, rather than providing one-to-one support. But research shows that the fund does help to narrow gaps between disadvantaged children and their peers, particularly in English and mathematics