



Dear parent/carer,

Re: pupil premium and free school meals

At Malbank School, we want to be able to ensure that all families are in a position to access support when it is needed most and to be able to keep families up to date with financial support that may be available to them. One element of funding that can support children in a variety of ways is Pupil Premium funding.

What is pupil premium funding?

At Malbank, we want to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. One such way we can support families is by making you aware of the ways you can apply, and if you meet eligibility criteria, for government funded Pupil Premium.

It is provided 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

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- 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 (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Your child might also be eligible if you are in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- 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



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- 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

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please contact your relevant Key stage office.

For further information or to apply for free school meals please contact Cheshire East on 0300 123 5012 or via their website:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Mrs Machin jzm@malbank.cheshire.sch.uk

Best wishes,

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