



Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Pupil Premium

We are writing to inform you about the Pupil Premium scheme, an important initiative that directly benefits our pupils and to encourage eligible families to sign up.

The Pupil Premium provides additional funding from the government to schools, with the specific goal of supporting the education and well-being of our pupils.

This extra funding allows us to offer valuable resources, support, and opportunities that can significantly enhance your child's educational experience.

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'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
- 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're 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
- 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

Please make sure you register online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals as soon as possible to make sure that your child's school receives any pupil premium funding they are entitled to. You will need to have your **National Insurance number** or **Home Office number** to hand when you apply. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register. Please let the school office know when you register so we can check if you are eligible.

If you do not have access to the Internet or would prefer us to register the details and access the grant on your behalf, please complete the information below and return to the school office.

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If you are in receipt of qualifying benefits your information will be renewed each year meaning that unless your circumstances change entitlement to free school meals from Year 3 and other educational benefits will be automatically registered. The information you supply will be treated confidentially and stored securely.

Name of Child: _____ Class: _____ DoB: _____

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Name of person receiving the benefit: _____ Date of birth _____

Home address: _____

Email address: _____

National Insurance Number: _____

OR

Home Office Number: _____

I give permission for Merry Hill School to register my details

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