



Rochford Primary and Nursery School

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions about free school meals or pupil premium, please speak to a member of the school office or Mr. Owen.

External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

Apply for free school meals, GOV.UK
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link.

Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings>

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium



Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive 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 (as long as 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-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you applied on or after 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Note: If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain entitled until they finish the phase of schooling they are in on 31st March 2022.

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupil Premium for 2019 to 2020 will include pupils recorded in the January 2019 census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals since May 2103, as well as those first known to be eligible at January 2019, and pupils who are:

- adopted from care, in care, or have left care
- have parents in the armed forces

How to register for Free School Meals

Please call into the school office and provide:

- Your full name
- Date of Birth
- National Insurance Number
- The name of one child who is registered at the school

How is the pupil premium funding used?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch