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Pupil premium and free school meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, the school will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium' or 'PP'. We use this extra money to help improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is Pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. 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
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Longlands, we get extra funding for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for but not limited to:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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





- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Universal free school meals

The London Mayor has extended his “No child should go to school hungry” scheme for the 2026/2027 academic year. The scheme ensures that all primary aged pupils are entitled to a free school meal. You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

If you are entitled to any of the above-mentioned benefits, you should still apply for free school meals/pupil premium.

Does my child have to have free school meals?

No. If you would prefer for your child to have packed lunches, please inform the school office and refer to our healthy eating policy.

How do I register?

Complete our application via:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/how-apply-free-school-meals>

I already receive pupil premium for an older sibling, do I still need to apply?

Yes! Siblings are not automatically allocated as Pupil Premium and as such, you will need to re-apply for the younger sibling.

I do not receive pupil premium for my older sibling but my circumstances have changed – should I apply?

Yes! You can apply for all siblings on the same form if your circumstances have changed since your older/other child/ren have started school.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Baines

Mr Baines; Headteacher



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