



Minet Junior School Newsletter

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Introduced in 2011, the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.

This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well at school than their peers. Often, children who are entitled to pupil premium face challenges such as poor language and communication skills, lack of confidence and issues with attendance and

punctuality. The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.

How do I know if my child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

You are eligible for Pupil Premium funding if you are receiving the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA(IB)) - **Not JSA (Contributed based)**

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR) **support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**)

- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit **and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.**

- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit (with a NET of £7400 or less)

Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to pupil premium.

In addition, pupils who have qualified for free school meals on the above grounds in the past, but are no longer eligible, continue to receive pupil premium for the next six years.

Free School Meals

If your child qualifies for free school meals or has at any point in the past six years, it's important that you tell their school - even if they're in Reception or KS1 and receive universal school meals for infant pupils, or are in KS2 and take a packed lunch - as this enables them to claim pupil premium.

Are you entitled?

Pupil Premium contact at Minet Junior School

Mrs Bolton is the Admissions Officer and is here to help support you and your family with any questions or queries about Pupil Premium or Free School Meals.

Please feel free to contact her on 01895 462 362



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