



Lawn Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Information about pupil premium and free school meals

If your child is eligible for BENEFIT related 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll also receive extra funding directly to school, called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, all pupils in Reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a **different** government funding scheme known as **universal** infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

Even if your child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 and therefore does not currently pay for school meals, you should still register for free school meals if you believe that you are eligible according to the criteria below. This way, we will receive the extra pupil premium funding to do more for your child than just provide a free school meal.

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's 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

At Lawn Primary and Nursery School we get an extra £1,455 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:

Educational provision/resources

- Academic interventions
- Nurture, wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- Teaching Assistant support
- Access to breakfast or afterschool club

Is my child eligible for free school meal pupil premium?



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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 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)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't 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?

To register or check your eligibility, please complete the form **on or after 4 September (once they have started school)**:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals

Once your child is confirmed as eligible by the Local Authority, school will receive a valid 'to and from date', so you may need to re-apply. A reminder to do this would be sent by 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.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the school office or a member of the senior leadership team.

Kind regards,



Lindsay Wood
Headteacher