

Tuesday 20th April 2021



Exeter
a learning community

Dear Parents / Carers,

Did you know..... just by registering your child for Free School Meals the school is allocated additional government funding called 'Pupil Premium'? Please register now to make sure we don't miss out.

The Government awards schools extra Pupil Premium funding based on the number of pupils entitled to receive means tested free school meals. Therefore, we need to make sure that all those who are entitled have registered. This will enable Exeter a learning community to receive the extra funding (currently £1345 per eligible pupil) during this year and for at least the following five years they are in school.

We know that circumstances have changed for some of our families in the last year. If you have become eligible for Free School Meals, it is important that you register as there are a range of ways we can support children through the Pupil Premium funding.

It does not commit your child to eating a school meal on any or every day – that remains your choice.

The funding is used to directly support education by funding vital support and resources to help children reach their potential in reading, writing and Maths - the essential basic skills to be successful in life.

Is my child eligible for Free School Meals? Your child is entitled to free school meals if you or your partner claims:

- 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 (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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – annual income household income must be less than £7,400 a year

How to apply:

Complete the Application Form online <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

Registering your eligibility will only take a few moments of your time but will make a difference to the opportunities we can provide in school.

Yours Faithfully

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