

# Don't let your child miss out!

## The Pupil Premium – information for parents



*Did you know that extra money could be available to help your child's learning and development? It's quick and easy to find out if you can claim for your child.*

## What is the Pupil Premium (PP)?

The Pupil Premium is extra government money which is paid to schools to support children's learning and development.

Your child's school can support you in finding out if your child could receive the extra money. Your child's school can choose how to best spend the Pupil Premium money and will work with you to make sure your child benefits from the extra funding.

### Who could benefit from this money?

Children from the reception year to year 11 may be eligible if they:

- are registered for Free School Meals (FSM)
- have been registered for FSM at any point in the last 6 years
- are or have been in care
- have parents in the armed forces

\*If your child could claim for FSM but takes a packed lunch to school, it's still important you tell their school. This will let them know your child is able to receive the Pupil Premium.

### Your child could benefit from:

- ✓ exciting new learning activities and experiences
- ✓ one to one or small group sessions
- ✓ extra tools, materials and equipment to help with learning in school or at home
- ✓ before/after school clubs or activities

# Why should I register my child for Free School Meals (FSM)?

Children who are registered for Free School Meals (FSM) are entitled to the Pupil Premium.

Your child isn't automatically registered for FSM, even though all infant children are entitled to receive a free school meal.



"The teachers say she talks more at Forest School - I think it's freer out there for her. She tells us all about it at home."

**Parent**

"I wanted to hold him forever!"

**Child**



## How do I register my child for Free School Meals (FSM)?

• Follow the link below or the QR code to our online portal for parents: [leicestershire.gov.uk/free-school-meals](https://leicestershire.gov.uk/free-school-meals)



- You will need your National Insurance number, date of birth, name and child's details and an eligibility check can be carried out
- The online information and guidance will help you to create a portal account and check for eligibility



"My son asks every day if it is his swimming session.... he loves it so much." **Parent**

## Frequently asked questions:

### **I cannot find my National Insurance number. What do I do?**

Call the National Insurance Enquiries helpline on 0300 200 3500.

### **Will the Pupil Premium (PP) affect my benefits?**

No, if your child receives the PP, it will not affect any benefits you may be entitled to.

### **How can I ensure the school gets the extra Pupil Premium funding for my child?**

You need to find out first if you can register your child for Free School Meals (FSM). You can do this a few months

before your child starts school. It is important to register your child for FSM, even if you are going to send a packed lunch with them every day.

### **Does my child automatically qualify for FSM if they have older brothers/sisters in school who are already registered?**

No, you need to register each child.

### **I need help to register online.**

#### **What do you suggest I do?**

Your child's teachers in school can answer your questions and can find someone to support you with the registration process.