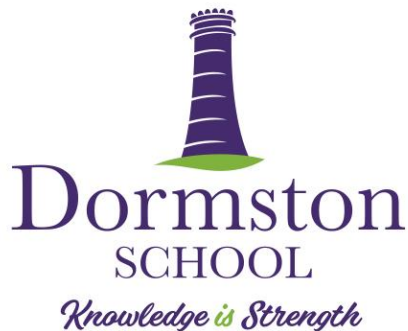


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October 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Pupil Premium Funding and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, the school receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to 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'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 Dormston School we get an extra £985 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;
- 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 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

How do I apply?

If you wish to apply please go to <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>.

If you require further information, please contact the Free School Meals Team on 01384 814988 or by emailing freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk.



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More Information

If your child is entitled to free school meals we feel that it was important to clarify their entitlement so that you are aware of our provisions for free school meals for your child. Any child in receipt of free school meals is entitled to:

- Attend our pre-school breakfast club from 8.00am in the River Café with breakfast options of pastries, toast, hash browns, cereal or porridge (currently up to the value of £1 per day) provided. Water/squash is provided free of charge.
- Receive a free school meal which includes a 'meal deal' consisting of a hot meal and dessert **or** a sandwich and dessert (currently up to a current value of £2.40 per day). The allowance does not include a drink as water/squash is provided in our school canteen.

To support the government guidelines on healthy eating, pupils are not permitted to use the free school meal allowance to solely purchase a dessert – we will only serve a dessert as part of the meal deal. Additionally, the allowance cannot be used to purchase drinks. You can obviously provide funds for your child to purchase any additional items such as snacks and drinks.

Please be aware that the free school meal allowances are allocated on a daily basis and therefore if food is not purchased on one day, the value cannot be transferred or accumulated for a day later in the week. **Even if you register for FSM, your child does not have to use the entitlement but the school will still receive the funding.**

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Mrs K Beer our Assistant Head Teacher in charge of inclusion.

Yours sincerely



Mrs P Gamble
School Business Manager