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The Pupil Premium Grant

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How to apply for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Grant

If you think that your income is low and you receive any of the benefits listed, then please ensure you apply for free school meals.

- Income support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income (as assessed by HMR&C) of less than £16,190 without Working Tax Credit
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Once eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) this will also trigger a pupil premium payment which will be given directly to your child's school. The pupil premium is used by the school to support pupils with such things as Learning support, Educational visit subsidy, Residential subsidy, enrichment activities etc

These subsidies will **DIRECTLY** benefit you!

Using the Pupil Premium Grant at St David's C of E Primary

The Pupil Premium Grant funding is carefully targeted to support eligible children in ways we know to be age appropriate and effective. The main ways we spend this money are listed below:

Pupil Premium is used to:

Reduce the cost of extra curricular visits by 50% (this includes the Y5/6 residential visit costs)

Provide high levels of staff across the school to support with learning

Reduce the cost of outside learning activities by 50% e.g. swimming lessons

Subsidise the cost of attendance of individuals at workshops eg G& T workshops

Meet requests for assistance with Uniform and Equipment .

Increase the number of staff leading learning interventions

Provide staff to negotiate and lead personalised learning plans for children and families

Fund professional development for staff with regard to disadvantage and low attainment

Provide non-academic interventions such as supporting attendance, social skills/friendships

How do I apply?

Go to: www.devon.gov.uk/free school meals.htm

Apply online: by downloading an application form from www.devon.gov.uk Search for 'free school meals' and email the application form to the Free School Meals Team at free-schoolmeals@devon.gov.uk

Or call: Phone **0845 155 1019** with your National Insurance Number, date of birth, name and child's details and an eligibility check can be carried out using the Department for Education's Eligibility Checking System, this will confirm if your details have been matched or not. It will not tell the school what benefits you are in receipt of, dates when a benefit was awarded or say how much you receive.

Or pick up a paper application form: from school office.