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Dear parents and carers,

## Re: Money for your child - Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them, we receive extra money called 'Pupil Premium'. We could use this money to improve the education and resources, extra learning, well-being or self-esteem sessions or to support trip costs.

### How do I register?

Please see below to see if you can get this extra funding for your child/ren. You only need to register once at the school. To register, please click on the link to download the form from our website. [FSM form](#)

Not sure and need help? Ask the school office or speak to one of our FLOs.

### Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance** or **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**
- **Universal Credit**, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Your child might also be eligible if you're in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- **Zambrano and Chen carers** (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- **British National (Overseas) passport holders**
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student **visa holders**
- Those with **no immigration status**
- **Families with a right to remain in the UK** under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction

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- Certain **failed asylum seekers** supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

### 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 William Harding School we get an extra £1,385 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to your child.

### Universal infant free school meals

Currently, 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.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

### 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.

### 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.

<https://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/pupil-premium>

Kind regards

Mrs Skinner

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