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Dear parent/carer,

### **Pupil premium and free school meals**

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll 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 Percy Hedley School in 2022/23 we were allocated an extra £1,465 for primary pupils and £1,035 for secondary pupils who are eligible and registered for free school meals. This extra money if eligible could make a real difference to your child when they are in school.

This year we have been able to use pupil premium to help fund the following projects:

- Emotional Well-Being and Resilience. The principles of well-being and resilience are fully embedded across all areas of the school and its curriculum. This has been facilitated via the Zones of Regulation programme and the Resilience framework.
- MOVE. Students develop the skills and abilities to gain independent movement.
- Music therapy within the Engagement pathway. By making music together, then tuning into people's individual responses, our music therapist has been able to create a platform for connection and self-expression.

### **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)

## **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 schools 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.

### **How do I register?**

You only need to register once at the school, if you are already in receipt of free school meals then you do not need to reapply.

To register, please complete the attached form.

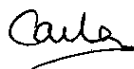
### **More information**

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.percyhedley.org.uk/percy-hedley-school/pupil-premium/>

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Eileen Robinson on 0191 2161811 ext. 3260/ [e.robinson@percyhedley.org.uk](mailto:e.robinson@percyhedley.org.uk) in the first instance.

Best wishes,



**Carla Maley**  
**Senior School Business Manager**



## Application for free school meals

### Your details (the parent or guardian)

Name (Required)

First name:

Surname:

Previous surname (if applicable):

Below info is required:

Address

Date of birth

Email address

Telephone number

Mobile number

Your relationship to child:

- Father  
 Mother  
 Guardian

Have you applied for free school meals before?

- Yes  
 No

### About your child(ren)

#### Child 1:

First name:

Surname:

Date of Birth::

Year Group

#### Child 2:

First name:

Surname:

Date of Birth::

Year Group

#### Child 3:

First name:

Surname:

Date of Birth::

Year Group

### Tell us how you qualify for free school meals

Your child is eligible for free school meals if they are in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 or 2) or if you are in receipt of any one of the benefits listed below. Please tick all that apply.

Benefit (Required)

We will need to have sight of this benefit for your application to be processed.

- My child is Key Stage 1
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit \*
- Income Support \*
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance \*
- 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) \*

*\* For any families eligible for this benefit, you will also be eligible for school holiday vouchers*

### Declaration

I wish to apply for school meals in respect of the named children. I certify the information I have provided and the benefit I am claiming is correct. I will notify Student Support immediately of any change in circumstances. I agree for you to use the information I have provided to process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial and ongoing entitlement. I understand that the information contained in this form may be passed to a third party if they are involved in the provision of free school meals.

Name:

Signed

Date:


**Please return the completed form to the School Office.**