

## **Pupil Premium Funding and Free School Meals**

You may be aware that the Government allocates funding to schools. The Pupil Premium funding is issued to schools based on three sets of criteria:

- 1) The number of students at a school who receive Free School Meals.
- 2) The number of students at a school who have a parent in the Armed Forces.
- 3) The number of students at a school who are looked after by the Local Authority.

At Emerson Valley in the last academic year 2019-20 we received over £100,000 in Pupil Premium Funding. This extra income is invaluable to the school and was used in many ways to help eligible children achieve their potential both academically and socially. The main ways the money was spent was:

- To provide specialist Physical Education teachers to run PE lessons and school sports clubs
- To subsidise school trips
- To help run the school breakfast club every morning

From September we have used the additional funding to:

- Implement Maths Mastery.
- To introduce and embed Magenta Principles.
- Continue to upgrade the school library in keeping with the progress the children are making in their reading.

### **Free School Meals**

In common with most schools it is likely that a number of parents whose children attend this school fail to claim Free School Meals even though they are entitled to them.

During your child's time in Infant school during Key Stage One, your child was entitled to receive their meals for free in line with Government Policy, however when they enter Key Stage Two, meals will have to be paid for, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals, so it is vitally important that you register to see if you qualify.

Even if you qualify, but don't wish for your child to have the Free School Meal, the School will still benefit from the additional funding granted so it is important that you let us know.

If you are in receipt of any of the Credits or Benefits listed below you may be eligible:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee 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 – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

To check your eligibility, visit <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/> to register.

This website is operated by Capita. It is a quick and easy service to use and you will be notified straight away if you are eligible. Alternatively, please complete the section below and return to the School Office and we can complete this check for you.

Applying Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applying Parent's Address including Post Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applying Parent's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Applying Parent's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Applying Parent's National Insurance Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

By providing the above information I am happy for the school to check my eligibility on my behalf

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently in receipt of Pupil Premium funding at your Infant School, you will still need to visit the above website to change your child's school to Emerson Valley School from September.