

19th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, irrespective 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 The Royal Grammar School, this extra money is used by the School to address inequalities and raise attainment for students from low-income families.

For example, we have previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision including resources
- Academic intervention
- Wellbeing

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

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?

For your son to benefit from Pupil Premium funding this year he must be registered. If your son is new to the RGS and received free school meals at their previous school, you will need to reapply. If you believe your son may be eligible for FSMs, please complete this form: <https://schoolsweb.buckscc.gov.uk/media/81849/fsm-ecs-application-form-2023-24.pdf>

Once complete, please send to Mrs Iacofano Dji@rgshw.com. Once your application has been processed, you will be notified regarding the outcome.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Sheehan

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