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Is your child eligible to receive the school Pupil Premium Grant of £1,300 per year? If your child is eligible for free school meals then they are!

How does my child get the pupil premium grant?

The money is paid to the school and we can use it to provide extra support for your child. This happens in lots of different ways - extra TA support to help with learning, extra resources to support your child in the classroom etc. If your child is eligible for free school meals you can also receive financial support to help with school trips, free access to some after school clubs, free breakfast club places.

My child is in Key Stage 1 and already gets a free school meal so do I need to bother?

It's still worth doing because of the extra benefits as listed in the point above. Most importantly eligibility for free school meals means the school will get the pupil premium grant for your child so we can support their learning and give them the best possible start in education. It is your child's entitlement; please don't waste it.

How do I find out?

To be eligible you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income that does not exceed £16,190
- Income based job Seekers' Allowance
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, children are also entitled to free school meals.

How do I apply?

Apply online at www.dorsetforyou.com/free-school-meals. You need your National Insurance number to hand. You will find out straight away if you are eligible. If you need access to a computer we can provide this in school. Some parents completed a Pupil Premium eligibility form last term. Unfortunately, Dorset County Council have requested that parents use the on-line facility only; we would therefore ask those parents to re-apply.

Please apply as soon as possible so that we can provide extra support for your child!

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