

Dear Parents and Carers

Thursday 18th January is school census day. This is when the Government collects census information from the school and the results of this directly affect our funding. Whatever year group your child/children attend, if they are 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 Hill View Primary, we get an extra £1,455 (for primary schools these figures are for the 2023/2024 financial year) for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building 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

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in Reception year, 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, 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?

The quickest way to register for free school meals is through BCP Councils website, <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals> which again gives information regarding the application. Here is the link to apply: -

<https://online.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/services/?returnurl=freeschoolmeals>

You can also collect an application form from the school office, or you can contact BCP Council on 01202123222 or email fsm@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

More information

For more information about pupil premium please go to our website, <https://hillviewprimary.co.uk/pupil-premium/> which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the school office on 01202514109 or office@hillview.bournemouth.sch.uk

Hot School Meals

To order a hot school meal for your child/children please go to our catering company's website, Forerunner which is, www.hotmealsonwheels.com and choose your child's meal. If you haven't registered your child yet then you will need to do this first by clicking on this link:- <https://forerunnerparents.myschoolmealorders.com/register> . **All meals need to be ordered by midnight on a Monday, for example, meals for week commencing 15th January 2024 must be ordered by midnight on Monday 8th January 2024.**

Kind regards



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