



**Did you know that registering for Pupil Premium means that your child's school gets extra money?**

### **Pupil Premium Funding**

Pupil Premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils or pupils from low income families, to help support eligible pupils to reach their potential, both academically and socially. However, funding helps ALL children!

Pupil Premium gives schools extra funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils from Reception to year 11.

The government introduced the fund in April 2011 to give schools funding for children who:

- were registered as eligible for Free School Meals
- had been Looked After for 6 months or longer

Schools can decide how the Pupil Premium is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.

At Pimperne Primary School we support all of our pupils. We do this by providing high quality classroom teaching which is supplemented by interventions to support vulnerable learners as and when required. The School Leadership Team and Governing Body monitor the impact of all spending and interventions including the Pupil Premium.

### **How do you apply for Pupil Premium Funding?**

We ask that all families check to see if they are eligible to claim this fund for both their child and the school. Every bit of additional funding the school receives plays a huge part in maintaining our belief in supporting every single child in our school.

**Pupil Premium Funding – most people who are in receipt of one of these are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding:**

- 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit. This is as long as you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your

annual gross income isn't more than £16,190

- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

**My child has just started school and already has brothers and sisters who get free school meals - do I need to reapply?**

Yes - you need to re-apply so that the new child can be included in the family's current free school meals award.

**My children qualify for free school meals, but the school will know about my financial situation if I apply. Can I apply without the school knowing how much I receive in benefits?**

The arrangements for checking benefit evidence do not disclose how much you receive, or even which benefit you receive. Therefore, the school will not be able to see this information.

**To Apply:**

- Visit [www.dorsetforyou.co.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.co.uk) website.
- Click on 'Children and Families'
- Click on 'Schools and Learning'
- Click on 'Free School Meals'
- Scroll down until you see the 'Apply for Free School Meals' 'Start Now' button
- Click on 'Apply Now' (You need your National Insurance number to hand)
- Complete the online form

**If you would like any help with completing this form, then please make an appointment with the School Office and they will be able to help.**

**Please take time to check whether you are eligible. Checking is online and takes a couple of minutes and the benefit of additional funding is enormous.**