

How would I apply for Pupil Premium funding for my child?

You do not need to apply for Pupil Premium funding. Your child is automatically entitled if they: •

- Are from a service personnel family
- Have been eligible for Service Child Premium in the past 4 years
- Are looked after by the local authority/in foster care for one day or more
- Were adopted from care since 2005 or were placed on a Special Guardianship or Residence Order immediately after being looked after
- Have had free school meals at any point in the past 6 years (Ever 6) •
- Are eligible for free school meals now.

Please note, pupils can choose not to take the free school meal each day but the funding is allocated against their entitlement. We would urge any parent whose child is eligible for free school meals to apply for it, as this releases the funding that can be used to support their child. The free school meals system is managed with complete discretion. We have a cashless system; therefore students are unaware of who is on free school meals and who is paying. The Local Authority automatically informs us if a child is eligible for free school meals now or has been in the past 6 years, or if they are in local authority care. However, we are not informed about pupils adopted from care, on a Special Guardianship or Residence Order, or those from service personnel families.

If you would like to discuss your child's eligibility for Pupil Premium funding, then please contact the main school office. Additionally, if your child is already entitled to the Pupil Premium and you wish to discuss how the money is spent, or have ideas on how this money may benefit your child, please contact Miss Ellis through the main school office on [01708 724134](tel:01708724134) or via email contact@mpa.swecet.org