

## Where to go for more information

### Contact the school

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to Angela, Mrs Munson or Mrs Miles.

### External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

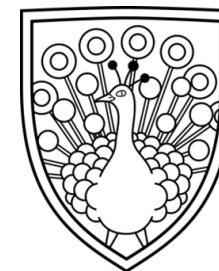
**Apply for free school meals**, GOV.UK  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link.

**Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings>

# Free school meals and the pupil premium



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Great Tew Primary School

## Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals (FSM) if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, which does not exceed £16,190)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. This is known as universal infant free school meals.

## What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

## What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals **at any point in the previous 6 years**
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

### How to register for free school meals

Should you feel you might qualify, please contact the School Office for an application form and return this with your proof of entitlement (original up to date copies must be produced and we are unable to authorise for free school meals without the necessary paperwork).

Should you be entitled to the free school meals scheme you should be aware that you have a legal duty to inform your school of any changes to your support payment. Re-application to the scheme will be required on a six monthly basis.

## How is the pupil premium funding used?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

## How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch