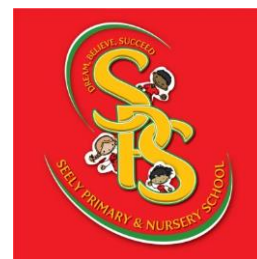


Seely Primary & Nursery School

Co Headteachers: Mrs S Pearce & Mrs J Newton



16.1.19

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Each Year the school receives extra funding from the government to provide additional support and educational experiences. This funding is called Pupil Premium and can help ensure all children have access to the same opportunities and activities.

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 Seely Primary School, we receive an extra £1,320 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the education we offer.

The funding is used in school in a variety of ways. It is used to support additional learning, to support music tuition, help with paying for trips and residential visits and to support eligible children to access extra-curricular clubs.

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

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

Is my child eligible for free school meals/pupil premium?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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- 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)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal - known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

If your child is in reception, 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?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please collect a "Free School Meals Authority" application form from the school reception or download a copy, located via a link in the "school meals" section of the school website. Complete and return the form to the office, and we will scan and email it to the local authority for you. The local authority will contact you directly to let you know if you have been awarded the authority and they will also inform us, so you don't have to.

More information

Please note that, should your circumstances change and you no longer qualify for receipt of any of the above benefits, pupil premium funding will still continue to be paid to support your child for a further **6 years**.

For more information about pupil premium at Seely, please go to our website, "pupil premium" section 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 Mrs Morley, Miss Richardson or Mrs Gallagher-Read

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Pearce and Mrs Newton
Co-Head teachers