

# ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Pupil Premium Explained**

Following queries from several parents, outlined below for your information is an explanation what Pupil Premium is, the benefits associated with it and how to apply.

### **What is it?**

Pupil Premium is funding paid by the local authority/government directly to schools. There are several categories of Pupil Premium funding, but the most common one is Free School Meals. For each child eligible for Free School Meals, the school receives £1,345 per school year.

### **What are the benefits?**

There are many benefits for both the child and the school - these include:

- Free School Meals
- Additional funding to support learning, progress and overall achievement
- Small booster group tuition sessions
- Support with learning and emotional needs
- Subsidised cost of educational visits and residential trips

### **How do I know if I can apply for Pupil Premium?**

To be eligible for Pupil Premium the family must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- 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 (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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

## How do I check eligibility for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals?

A parent or guardian may wish to check their eligibility for Free School Meals. HC3S has an online service for this:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

To complete a check you will need to provide the following information:

- Name, home address and email address
- National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service reference number
- Child or student's name, date of birth and school

If you do not have access to the internet or you would like the school to support you with the application check, please contact a member of the school office.

I realise that not all the children who are eligible for Pupil Premium actually wish to apply. However, I would be grateful if you would support the school by letting us know if your child is eligible.

**PLEASE NOTE –YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPLY IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER IS ALREADY IN RECEIPT OF PUPIL PREMIUM.**

I strongly encourage all eligible parents/carers to apply for this status. No one will know who has registered and it will not affect any other benefits being claimed. Any children who are entitled to free schools meals, whether they take them up or not, means that our school is given extra funding to HELP support their needs. I realise that information of this nature is very sensitive and I can assure you that all such information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

If you have any additional questions relating to Pupil Premium please contact the school office on 023 8086 3159 or via email at the following address [admin.office@abbsch.co.uk](mailto:admin.office@abbsch.co.uk)

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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