

# Pupil Premium and Free School Meals





### What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 to help address the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers. Schools can use the additional funding to help tackle these inequalities and directly target those pupils who need it most.

The school receives additional funding for all pupils who have been registered for Free School Meals at any time over the last 6 years. This extra funding goes towards providing extra curriculum support, resources and enrichment opportunities for all our pupil premium children.

### What are Free School Meals?

Free School Meals allow pupils to access a balanced nutritious two course main meal and a drink each day.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- 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)
- 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)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.
- Guaranteed pension credit



# How can you make a claim for Free School Meals?

It is very important that you claim for Free School Meals if you are eligible. Even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and in receipt of universal Free School Meals, or they have a packed lunch. Claiming Free School Meals brings other benefits to you, such as reduced costs for school trips and residentials and additional resources for your child in school.

You could call: 0116 305 5417 Alternatively visit: <u>https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals</u> Claiming is designed to be straight-forward. However, if you need some support. Please do not hesitate to ask to speak to Mr Williams or any member of our office staff team.

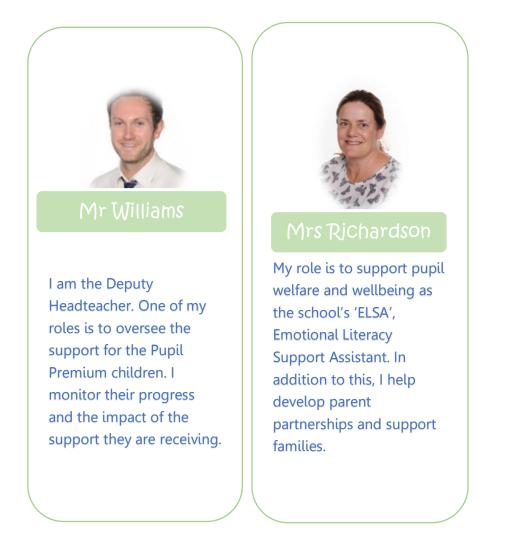
### Our Pupil Premium spending

At Little Hill Primary School, we use our Pupil Premium funding to support the whole child. We support children's wellbeing, academic ability, enrichment, engagement, nutrition and more. We are also committed to providing support for our families and developing a successful home school partnership.



# Our Pupil Premium Team

We have a dedicated team for pupil support and welfare and to develop parent partnerships for our pupil premium children and families.



You can talk to Mr Williams or Mrs Richardson for help and advice. Our school SENDCo, Ms Manning is also available to offer support. We can also point you in the direction of additional help such as the school nurse.



# What help and support is offered?

#### Additional enrichment and engagement opportunities:

- 4 Additional school visits and visitors to school
- 4 Music tuition and performing arts opportunities
- 4 After school clubs and lunchtime clubs
- Additional family support
- Funding support for residentials, school trips and school uniform

#### Academic outcomes support:

- 4 Additional support in class, including enhanced feedback
- Bespoke provision support for targeted pupils
- 📥 Academic clubs
- 🖊 Individual provision mapping and impact profiling

#### Wellbeing support:

- **'Time for us'** support sessions with the school ELSA and pupil welfare lead
- 🖊 Clubs as well as mindfulness groups
- Weekly Personal, Social, Health, Economic Education lessons with mindfulness opportunities
- 4 Individual mentoring for targeted pupils
- Lunchtime and playtime support and buddy schemes

### Pupil Tracking

Our pupil premium pupils our tracked: this includes information on academic progress and the range of extra support and provision that the school has put in place. It enables us to target support effectively, assess the impact of the pupil premium spending for that pupil and identify additional barriers. We discuss progress with teachers and parents each term.



### Evidence base research

The school offers our pupil premium pupils additional opportunities for enhanced pupil feedback sessions, these involve the class teacher or learning support assistants working through the pupil's books and supporting them to respond to the feedback given by the teachers. They offer specific praise and help them push the boundaries of their potential further. The school also promotes collaborative learning approaches and opportunities for mastery learning. All of these approaches are underpinned by evidenced based research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).

Giving children a flying start

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### School trips and residentials

We offer a fantastic range of additional enrichment opportunities for our pupils at a reduction of 50% for each child in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

All year groups plan school visits or events to enhance the learning for selected units of work.

In addition to this, Years 2, 4 and 6 all have residential visits.

"I loved going to Condover because the food was delicious and we got to be outdoors all of the time."

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# Music tuition and school clubs

We pride ourselves on the variety of clubs and opportunities for our pupils in school. These include our family 'Let's get Cooking' club as well as opportunities to be involved in sports and performing arts.

# Uniform, breakfast, snacks

For children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, we support in the cost of school uniform and PE kit. We also provide fruit and milk free of charge as well as a daily breakfast.

### Support and feedback

All of our pupil premium have support carefully matched to their needs. We track our pupil's progress which enables us to support them further.

We currently track reading, writing, mathematics, the wider curriculum and pupil wellbeing.



The school provides homework in reading, mathematics and spelling. Children log this homework online. If parents/carers or children require any help with this homework, then please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

## ELSA support

The school's ELSA (Mrs Richardson) offers planned support sessions for pupil's experiencing emotional or mental health difficulties.

