

Frequently asked questions:

- *I cannot find my National Insurance number. What do I do?*
Call the National Insurance Enquiries helpline on 0300 200 3500.
- *Will the Pupil Premium affect my benefits?*
No, if your child receives the PP, it will not affect any benefits you may be entitled to.
- *How can I ensure the school gets the extra Pupil Premium funding for my child?*
You need to find out first if you can register your child for Free School Meals (FSM). You can do this a few months before your child starts school.
- *Does my child automatically qualify for FSM if they have siblings already registered?*
No, you need to register each child.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School



'Growing Together in Faith and Love'

**Pupil Premium
explained
for parents**

Is your child entitled?

What is the Pupil Premium (PP)?

The pupil premium is government funding provided to schools to support children's learning and development, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if:

- . They are registered for free school meals,
- . Their parents have been registered for certain benefits in the last 6 years.
- . They are, or have been, in care.

Your child could benefit from:

Exciting new learning activities and opportunities to widen their life experiences.

One to one or small group sessions.

Extra tools, materials and equipment to help with learning in school

Help with breakfast/after-school clubs or activities.

Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

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

- . Income support
- . Employment and Support Allowance - Income related
- . Income based job seekers allowance
- . Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190)
- . Universal Credit
- . National Asylum Seekers Support
- . Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit

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 (Key Stage 2). Key Stage 1 children are already entitled to free school meals but you can still register your child to ensure this continues into Key Stage 2 and so the school receives appropriate funding.

Where to go for more information

Contact the school office, speak to Mrs Jones, Mr Houghton (Pupil Premium Co-ordinator) or Mrs Lighthill.

If your circumstances have recently changed, and you think you may now be eligible for the benefits, or have any questions about free school meals, please speak to the school office.