



# Lodge Farm Primary School

*"Learning in mind, community at heart"*

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## **Pupil premium and free school meals**

Dear parents/carers,

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

**Please help us!**

**Try and apply!**

**Apply even if your child has free school meals in  
KS1.**

**Please reapply if your child is in Year 3, as it  
does not carry over from KS1.**

### 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

We receive extra funding for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer. For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision and resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- Enrichment activities such as part-funding workshops and ensuring our clubs are free
- School residential and trips

### Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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
- 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 thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium. 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.**

### How do I register?

You can follow this link: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

You will need to give your National Insurance number.

If you would like help with applying, please speak to the office or ask to speak to Mary Bull and we would be happy to do it with you!

### More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, 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 ask to speak to Alexa Simpson.

Kind regards,



Alexa Simpson  
Assistant Headteacher