

## Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals if the household is in receipt of:

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Households may also be entitled to a meal if they:

- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the 'guarantee' element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria set out in separate guidance for [families with no recourse to public funds](#)

## Pupil Premium is accessed for those pupils who:

- are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less

## How do I register?

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, you may be eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium, please contact the local authority on 0116 3055417 or through this link:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

***If you have more than one child at school, please do not assume they are automatically added. You will need to register each child individually.***

Currently, all 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 Schools Meals and the Pupil Premium.

### 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 may receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

### More information

For more information about Pupil Premium, go to our website, which contains details of how the premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

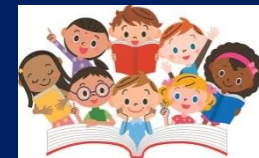
# Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

## Information for Parents

### 2026-2027

## Don't let your child miss out!

Did you know that extra money could be available to help your child's learning and development?



# What is Pupil Premium?

If your child is eligible for free school meals and your circumstance attracts Targeted FSM, school will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. By applying and being accepted, your child will still be able to bring in a packed lunch if they wish to do so.

## 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 Targeted Free School Meals (i.e. on UC, with household earnings of £7,400 or less per year);
- Have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the past 6 years;
- Are, or have been, in care of a Local Authority;
- Have parents in the regular armed forces.

At Thorpe Acre Junior School, we receive extra funding for every pupil who is registered for Targeted Free School Meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we could use Pupil Premium funding for .....

