

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Good Things for Your Child & School

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to share important information regarding school meals and the support available to families a pupil premium grant can offer. It is vital that all eligible parents check if they qualify, even if your child is currently receiving free lunches.

What is the Difference?

- **Universal Free School Meals:** All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 in state-funded schools are automatically entitled to a free, hot lunchtime meal, regardless of your household income.
- **Free School Meals (FSM):** This is extra government money (pupil premium) which is paid to schools to support children's learning and development. To receive this, families must meet specific government criteria, such as receiving Universal Credit or certain other qualifying benefits.

Why is it Important to Apply or Check Your Eligibility?

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium the school can use this to fund additional support throughout their school life for activities such as,

- after school clubs,
- trips,
- music tuition
- uniform,
- resources, e.g. books

Do You Qualify?

You may be eligible to claim Free School Meals if you or your partner receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (with a household income of £7,400 or less after tax, not including any benefits)
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)

- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income under £16,190)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

How to Check and Apply

Checking your eligibility is quick and straightforward. You only need your National Insurance number and date of birth.

- **If you live in Oadby / Leicestershire:** You can check your eligibility and apply online using the [Leicestershire County Council Citizen Portal](#). Alternatively, you can contact the **School Catering Service on 0116 305 5417** or email **freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk**.
- **If you live in Leicester City:** You can apply through the [Leicester City Council Free School Meals Service](#).

If you have any questions or require assistance with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Kind regards

Brocks Hill Primary School