



### **Together Everyone Achieves More**

*Through.....  
Loving learning, loving each other and loving life  
itself  
AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)*

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## **The Pupil Premium Grant**

### **Free School Meals, Children from Service Families and Children who have left Local-Authority Care**

You may be aware that the government currently allocates additional funding to schools in the form of 'The Pupil Premium Grant' to help children do their very best. The purpose of Pupil Premium Funding is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for eligible children (those children who are registered as eligible for free school meals and children of service personnel).

At North Curry C of E Primary School, the additional funding is used to provide children with the support that they need for their individual educational, social, emotional, speech and language or other presenting needs. Pupils may also be able to access a financial subsidy to help with the cost of school trips, school uniform or swimming lessons.

If you believe that you may be entitled to claim free school meals and pupil premium for your children but do not already do so, please register your eligibility, as this means there will be additional funding for school. As well as benefiting in the ways listed above, you can also choose to have free school meals, although there is no requirement to do so.

If your child is currently in receipt of the Universal Infant Free School Meals, please do still apply for Free School Meals if you believe you are eligible, as this will mean that the school is able to access additional funding.

The Pupil Premium Grant and Free School Meals are available to children whose parents/carers qualify by meeting the criteria listed:

- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related) – not Contribution related
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, providing you do not also receive Working Tax Credit, with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190
- children that have been adopted, or who have left care through special guardianship or child arrangement orders
- children who are Looked After by Somerset Council

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If you have recently become unemployed, but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals.

If you think that you may be eligible to apply for free school meals for your child, you can do so using this link [Apply for FSM - Somerset Council](#). Alternatively, contact the school office for more information. The process for applying is confidential. Even if you are not sure it would still be worth asking.

Similarly, for the school to access the Pupil Premium Grant for the following, parents and carers need to make the school aware of their status:

- Children of service personnel;
- Children who have been adopted from care or who have left local-authority care because of adoption;
- Children under a special guardianship order, a child arrangement order or a residence order.

We appreciate that information may be sensitive and can assure you that all information will be handled in the strictest confidence.

If you would like any more information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



Helen Morley  
Head teacher

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