



### **WHAT IS PUPIL PREMIUM?**

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals.
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point over the last 6 years.
- Are, or have been in care
- Have parents in the armed forces. **HOW IS PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING USED?**

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible. You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding by following the link below:

<https://templenewsam-leeds.secure-dbprimary.com/leeds/primary/templenewsam/site/pages/information/pupilpremium>

### **HOW CAN I ENSURE OUR 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.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals.
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch.

**FINANCIAL YEAR** In the 2021/22 financial year, schools received £1,345 for pupils in Reception to Year 6 who were registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years.

Schools also received £2, 345 for each pupil identified in the spring school census as having left local authority care because of one of the following:

- Adoption
- Special guardianship order
- Child arrangements order
- Residence order Pupils who have been in local authority care for 1 day or more also are eligible for £2, 345 of pupil premium funding.

Funding for these pupils is managed by Virtual Schools Leeds.

At Templenewsam Halton Primary School, the designated teacher for Pupil Premium and Looked After Children is **Mrs Laura Lightfoot**.

### **WHICH PUPILS QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

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

- Universal Credit In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. This is known as universal infant free school meals.
- Income Support, Pension Guarantee Credit, Income-based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child tax credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.)

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CLAIMING FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as pupil premium for every eligible pupil who is registered.

### **WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you wish to claim help with your rent and/or Council Tax for an address in Leeds, you should complete the full Leeds City Council benefits application form. This will also allow you to claim Free School Meals for all the children under your direct care. You can apply online at <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Contact the school If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to Mrs Tina Horsey the school business manager. If you do not have access to a computer to complete your application please come into school and use our facilities – we can even help you complete the forms!

### **EXTERNAL SOURCES**

The Government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

Apply for free school meals, GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can also read further information read further information about pupil premium at the following link.

Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternativeprovision-settings>