

## Universal Infant Free School Meals

All pupils in Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive Universal infant Free School Meals.

This is a government initiative which aims to ensure all of our younger children benefit from a hot meal at lunchtime. Studies show the benefits include:

- A healthy diet,
- Improved concentration in the afternoons,
- Improved social skills as a result of all pupils eating together every day,
- Financial savings for parent/carers.

You do not have to apply for 'Universal Infant Free School Meals'. It is an automatic entitlement for all children until they reach the end of Year 2.

If your child has a medical or religious need for a specific diet please let the school know. All dietary needs are catered for.

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Further information can be found on the  
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## STOCKBRIDGE VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning Without Limits



## Pupil Premium Grant

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Parents and Carers

Did you know that Stockbridge Village  
Primary School could be missing out on  
funding to help your child flourish?

The Pupil Premium grant aims to remove  
any barriers to children's learning and  
welfare and can help support families  
with the cost of uniform, school trips and  
equipment.

## What is the Pupil Premium Grant?

The Government currently pays an additional grant to schools to help support disadvantaged children of all abilities to reach their potential.

This is called the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG). Eligible children are those who:

- have been eligible for Free School Meals at any time in the last six years
- are in the care of the local authority or have been adopted from care

A Pupil Premium Grant is also available to provide pastoral support for children from service families, including regular personnel, reservists and veterans.

As a school, we have to demonstrate that our Pupil Premium funding is used effectively to increase the academic achievement of eligible children.

This additional funding enables us to provide our Learning Mentor, Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs Forest School activities and much more. It also covers the full cost of school milk and school trips, including residential trips, and provides bursaries for uniform,...

A report on how we spent our pupil premium grant last year and how we intend to spend this year's grant can be found on our website:

**Home > Key information > pupil premium**

## Free School Meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support,
- income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (your household income must be less than £7,400 a year).

**Due to the roll-out of Universal Credit, if your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2022.**

Eligibility for Free School Meals allows children and families to access the additional benefits from Pupil Premium funding.

It is important that anyone who thinks their child may be eligible, applies for Free School Meals, including children who are already eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals (see page 4). The application process is detailed on the page 3.

The entitlement does not just cover the meal cost, it provides access to much more and can support the whole school community and most importantly, your child(ren).

**The Pupil Premium funding that Stockbridge Village Primary School receives is dependent on your applications.**

## How to apply for Free School Meals

It is quick and easy to apply.

Parents and carers can apply online, at home or at school, and will receive an instant response. It is important that an application is made for every child in your household.

If your child is eligible the system will generate a letter that can be printed and given to the school office. Your entitlement will start from the date of this letter.

More information and a link to the on-line application process can be found on the school website:

**Home > key Information > Free School Meals**

Or at:

**[www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk)**