

## How we use the Pupil Premium at Boughton Monchelsea Primary

If you are eligible for the Pupil Premium, it gives you so much more than free school meals!

Last year, the funding was spent in several ways. We increased the classroom support for eligible children, which helped their engagement in lessons and provided them with extra help with their learning. We provided one-to-one emotional support as well as targeted support with reading, writing and maths. Individuals also received funding for music lessons and contributions towards school trips, which helped them make the most of the learning experiences on offer at Boughton Monchelsea.

No one will know that your child receives Pupil Premium unless you tell them. The school will keep it confidential.

**We could help pay** for your child to have extra support in class

**We could help pay** for music tuition, enabling them to learn a skill that they may otherwise not be able to access

**We could help pay** for trips and after-school clubs

### REMEMBER:

Once you are eligible, the funding is attached to your children for 6 years. It is different from Free School Meals, so even if you are not eligible for Free School Meals after a year, Pupil Premium will not be removed.

If you think you would qualify for Free School Meals to enable us to receive the Pupil Premium, you can apply online through our school website,

[www.boughton-monchelsea.kent.sch.uk](http://www.boughton-monchelsea.kent.sch.uk)

by clicking on the “School Meals” tab.

Information about how Pupil Premium is spent in our school can also be found on the website under “Statutory Information”.

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Is your child missing out on thousands of pounds worth of support?

## Pupil Premium

Help our school to help your child



**Boughton Monchelsea  
Primary School**

## What is the Pupil Premium?

Dear Parents,

Did you know that our school could be missing out on **more than £1300** of funding per year for **6 years** to help **your child** succeed?

The Government currently gives a grant to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called “Pupil Premium” and it targets young people eligible for free school meals and those who have one or more parents serving in the armed forces.

Think what a difference this funding might make to your child’s future; better resources, more staff to help in class, financial support for you towards trips and clubs, specialist training for staff, more catch-up groups, more support with key skills, mentoring etc etc.

We think there may be lots of families who could be eligible, but have not applied for a range of reasons.

***“My child is in Year 1 and receives a free school meal anyway”***

Since September 2014 all children in year R, 1 and 2 are offered a healthy meal every day,

free of charge, so this may have discouraged eligible families from applying.

The Pupil Premium offers much more than free school meals; support with classroom learning, financial support for trips etc. It is important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, so that the school receives as much funding as possible.

***“I don’t my child to be labelled as from a lower income family”.***

All information about children who receive Pupil Premium funding is kept confidential to the school. Families are eligible for a range of reasons, and there is no such thing as a typical Pupil Premium child. We want to encourage families to take advantage of the funding they are legally entitled to, in order to help their children at school.

***“My child is doing well at school and doesn’t need any extra support”***

We look carefully at how Pupil Premium funding will benefit all eligible children. For some children, this could mean financial support with music lessons, or extra-curricular clubs. All children are considered as individuals, and we make sure that they benefit from their Pupil Premium entitlement, whatever their learning needs

***“How do I know that the Pupil Premium will make a difference to my child’s learning?”***

The progress of children who receive Pupil Premium is closely monitored by the school’s leadership team and the Governors. We are required to publish how we spend the Pupil Premium on our school website and OFSTED will check that we are using the funding appropriately.

**Who can apply?**

You must receive one of these benefits to qualify for Pupil Premium funding

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not including Working Tax Credit) - if the household income is below £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- An income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you are an asylum seeker