

## **Are you eligible for Pupil Premium?**

**If you are, your child can receive discounted trips and club activities**

### **Free Schools Meals and Pupil Premium Information**

Currently, pupils in Years 1 and 2 as well as Reception children all receive free school meals, these are paid by government funding. This provision is called Universal Infant Free School Meals or UIFSM.

In addition to this funding, parents in low-income families or those that are unemployed can also apply for Pupil Premium funding so that their children can receive free school meals in subsequent school years (Year 3 and onwards).

Pupil Premium funding is also provided for pupils who:

- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

Pupil Premium funding at Bishop Sutton and Stanton Drew gives children access to discounted educational trips and opportunities throughout their school years with us.

***Please read on to find out how to check if you are eligible and if so, how to apply for this financial support.***

### **Introduction**

The Government gives extra funding to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

If you qualify, your child/children can receive free school meals and reduced costs towards some after school activity clubs such as those run by Akeel at both schools and PH Sports or Rob Maggs at Bishop Sutton. We can also use it to support curriculum enrichment opportunities such as learning to play an instrument. If you are registered for Pupil Premium you will also get help with the cost of day trips and residential trips.

For every child registered, Bishop Sutton and Stanton Drew get £1,455 this year. This additional funding allows us to provide an even better education for your child through the purchase of additional resources or staff to support learning.

### **Are you eligible?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please note you are not eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

## If your household has no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

The government has permanently extended free school meals to children in all households with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to maximum income thresholds.

Please visit the [GOV.UK website](#) for eligibility criteria, income thresholds and more information on free school meals for families with no recourse to public funds.

### How to apply:

1. Registering is really quick and easy – you can apply online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/form/apply-for-free-school-meals> and get an immediate answer. If you are eligible, your child's school will be notified within 5 working days.

If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal, saving you more than £350 a year.

If you don't want your child to have the free school meals, they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, you still get discounts for some educational activities from the £1,455 extra the school receives.

If you have any problems with applying for this support, please contact our school office on 01275 332817 or 01275 332820 and ask for Paula.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. You can find out more information by clicking this link <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you have any questions about how we use Pupil Premium funding, please contact Mr Marriott, who is our Pupil Premium coordinator.

Best wishes,  
Andy Marriott

***The information that you supply to register for Pupil Premium will be held securely and will only be used for the purpose of establishing entitlement to Pupil Premium and to contact other sources, as allowed by law, to verify your initial and continuing entitlement.***