



EXTRA FUNDING & SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILDREN!

As you will be aware, all pupils at infant schools are entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals'.

In the past pupils were entitled to Free School Meals if their parents/carers met certain criteria.

This links to **crucial extra funding (£1300 – £1900 per eligible pupil)**
PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

to ensure that children, whose families qualify, have support where needed in order to maximise attainment and achievement.

We currently use this funding to support pupils in a range of areas.

The funding allows us to employ staff to provide this support.

**(Details of this support and funding are provided on the
Downs Way School Website – *Our School – Pupil Premium*)**

We want to ensure the continuation of high quality and personalised support.

We need you to support us.

Are you are in receipt of any of the following?

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment & Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration & 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 that does not exceed £16,190.)

Working Tax credit 'run on'

Universal Credit

**If you receive any of the above it is *essential* that you make an application for 'Free School Meals' under the old system as your child could be entitled to extra funding for the next 6 years of their education.
The school cannot receive this funding if you do not apply for it**

Please come in and speak confidentially to a member of the Office Staff or email them. All you need to provide is your **surname, date of birth & National Insurance Number** and they will be able to check your entitlement.

Thank you, Sahrah Chaudhri Inclusion Leader.