

## **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, Addington Valley Academy will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

### **What is pupil premium funding?**

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- 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

At Addington Valley Academy, we get an extra £1,345 (primary) and £955 (secondary) for every eligible student who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example we can use this for things like educational provision/resources, academic interventions, wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions.

### **Is my child eligible for free school meals?**

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

### **Universal infant free school meals**

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

### **Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

## How do I register?

**To apply for free school meals you must contact your Local Authority.**

If you live in the London Borough of Croydon you can register on their website at <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/free-school-meals>

## When you are registered

Once you are registered for Free School Meals please complete the following information and return it to the school office ([enquiries@addingtonvalley.org](mailto:enquiries@addingtonvalley.org))

Parent with a qualifying benefit			
Title:	First name:	Surname:	
National Insurance number/National Asylum Seeker number:			
Date of birth:		Telephone:	

Child/Children			
Family name/surname	First name	Date of birth	Name of school

## More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact [enquiries@addingtonvalley.org](mailto:enquiries@addingtonvalley.org)