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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: pupil premium and free school meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we want to encourage you to register them.

Children in reception, year 1 or year 2 get free school meals anyway through a different scheme. But if they are eligible for free school meals, we still really want you to register – see why below.

Why register for free school meals?

Children who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them if you prefer them to have packed lunches.

But registering them is still important because for every child registered for free school meals, the school gets an extra **£1,480** through 'pupil premium' funding.

Every child registered for free school meals makes a big difference to the school.

You can find more information about pupil premium on our website at [Pupil Premium | Dovedale Primary School](#). Here you can see what we spent it on in the last academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

If you receive these benefits, your child may be eligible:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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 (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less.



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How do I register?

You need to simply apply online through Derbyshire County Council using the following link: -
[Free school meals and Pupil Premium funding - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Houseman
Headteacher

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Pupil premium and free school meals: FAQs

Pupil premium FAQs

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium is additional funding for schools 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

How much pupil premium funding does the school receive?

At [Insert name of school.], we get an extra **£1,480** for the 2024/2025 financial year for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money makes a real difference to the quality of education we can offer.

Free school meals (FSM) FAQs

How does it work in practice?

[Add details of your school's cafeteria payment system.]

Will the fact my child is registered for FSM be made public?

We keep this information as confidential as possible. We do not publish identifying details of children registered for FSM.

My household has no recourse to public funds (NRPF). Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Children of households with NRPF may be eligible, this includes:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The maximum income thresholds for families with NRPF who can work are:



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[Insert for schools outside London.]

- £22,700 for families outside London with 1 child
- £26,300 for families outside London with 2 or more children

[Insert for schools within London.]

- £31,200 for families within London with 1 child
- £34,800 for families within London with 2 or more children

Families with NRPF must also have no more than £16,000 in capital and savings to be eligible for FSM.

NRPF: How to register for free school meals

The process for registering for free school meals is different as we have to check your eligibility in a different way.

[Insert how your school checks eligibility for pupils from households with NRPF here.]

My child already has free school meals: are they still eligible?

If your child/ren was eligible for free school meals on 1 April 2018 or since then, they will continue to be eligible until 31 March 2025 and then until the end of primary school, even if your household no longer meets the income eligibility threshold.

[Insert here – depending on the arrangements in your local authority.]

If your child has already been registered for free school meals, you **do not** need to apply again this year.

If your child has already been registered for free school meals, they will continue to be eligible, but you **need to apply again** this year.

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