



## Where to go for more information

### Contact the school

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to Miss Bateman, Cove Junior School's Inclusion Manager.

### External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

**Apply for free school meals, GOV.UK**

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Or

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

To complete an application you will need to provide:

- Your own name and date of birth
- Contact details
- National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seekers Number
- Child's name and date of birth
- School your child is attending/will attend.

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link.

### Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings>

## Free school meals and the pupil premium



## Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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 are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

### How to register for free school meals

**Pop into the school office or contact Miss Bateman for more information.**

**Email: [a.bateman@covejun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:a.bateman@covejun.hants.sch.uk)**

**School telephone number: 01252 542941**

## What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get **extra funding**, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

### What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils **reach their full potential**, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2010
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces



## How is the pupil premium funding used?

At Cove Junior School we use the grant in a number of different ways, whilst ensuring that it is carefully targeted for those eligible children in order to help them to achieve their potential both academically and socially. The main ways we spend the money are:

- To part-fund the provision of Learning Support Assistant (LSA) support for individuals, small groups and classes to help children achieve their academic potential.
- To buy specific resources to support and improve achievement, e.g. Maths Home Learning Kits, which will be allocated shortly.
- To subsidise extra-curricular activities and school trips.

### How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives. Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to but it will entitle them to other benefits.

**You should still register for free school meals even if you would rather your child had a packed lunch.**