

Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

We are asking the parents and carers of children at Holmes Chapel Primary School to consider whether your child is entitled to additional funding from the Government called 'Pupil Premium'.

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. If you are successful, not only will it mean your child will receive a free school meal but we can also help by paying for all trips and residential visits.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you must still complete an application form for school to receive the Pupil Premium funding, even though your child receives Universal Free School Meals.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax credit
- Working Tax Credit Run-On
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Actively serving in the Armed Forces

This is also applicable to **nursery-age children** if they attend before and after lunch sessions at a local authority nursery school or nursery class. If you have children with siblings who are eligible you will need to register each child.

How do I apply?

- Telephone Cheshire East Council on **0300 123 5012** and select the option for 'Free School Meals'.
- Complete the online form through the Cheshire East website <u>https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx</u>





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If you require any assistance to claim free school meals or are unable to phone or access the online form, please call in to the school office. It will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty Headteacher



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