

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

As we welcome our children back at the start of a new academic year, it is an opportunity for us to check in again with our Polehampton families and to see how we can best support you. Please read the below information if you believe you might be eligible for **Free School Meals** or **Pupil Premium** support.

Free School Meals

If your family are receiving certain benefit support, you may be eligible for Free School meals. All infant children will automatically receive Free School Meals, however we would urge you to still apply if you believe you are eligible, in order for us to access Pupil Premium support for your child. If you are eligible for Free Schools meals, your child will also be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding.

Pupil Premium Funding

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals and children who are 'Looked After Children' (children who are adopted or fostered) are eligible for Pupil Premium. This money is for the school to spend to support your child's learning experience in school. For example, it can pay for additional staffing to provide extra support such as one-to-one reading and targeted interventions, cover the cost of trips and visitors, uniform or an after-school club. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium we can discuss this in more detail with you.

How to apply:

Please see your induction pack, the school website or visit the school office to find the form you need to complete, so that we can process your application. Your information will be handled with the strictest confidentiality and the school will not see any details of your personal finances.

If you have previously received this support, but your child is moving from infants to juniors, or if they are new to either of our schools, you will need to reapply.

You can apply at any time, but if you apply at the beginning of the school year, the school receives funding for that year.

If you have any questions regarding FSM or PP please feel free to contact me, Mrs Pierro, to discuss this further. Our Office Team at both schools are also very able to answer questions you may have and can handle this in a private manner.

Mrs Pierro
Inclusion Lead