

Bishop Purglove Church of England Primary School

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HELP US ACCESS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Dear Parent/Carer

We want to ensure that all our pupils receive the best possible support in school. Did you know that your child may be eligible for additional funding through the Pupil Premium? This funding is provided to schools by the government to help support eligible children and improve their educational experiences.

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following:

- 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 below £16,190)
- Universal Credit with a household income below £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)



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Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives free school meals as part of the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, applying for Pupil Premium means the school receives extra funding to provide further support for your child.

Applying is quick and easy and it can make a real difference to the resources, support and opportunities we can provide for all our pupils. If you think you might be eligible, please visit [Free school meals and Pupil Premium funding - Derbyshire County Council](#) or contact the school office for more information.

It is also important you apply ASAP if you may be eligible, as the Pupil Premium Funding rules are changing:

For children currently registered for Pupil Premium, or for those who apply for the rest of March 2025, any children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) remain entitled until they finish either primary or secondary education, even if the family finances improve.

However, from 1 April 2025 entitlement to FSM will end if income increases above £7,400 annual net income over a three-month period (for example more than £1850 net income in the last three Universal Credit assessment periods).

Example:

Amar is in reception. Her mum registers her for free school meals in March 2025. Amar continues to be entitled to FSM until she finishes primary education. Changes in family income don't matter.

Ben is also in reception and is entitled to FSM but is not registered until April 2025. If the family income goes above £7400 net per annum (£616.67 per month) FSM will end and will need to be reclaimed if income goes down again.

All applications are confidential and registering will not affect any other benefits you receive.

Thank you for your support in helping us provide the best possible education for your child.

Kind regards

Mrs S Craig
Executive Headteacher