

Student Information about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium Grant to Schools

The pupil premium grant is funding that schools receive to improve educational outcomes for lower income or disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England. Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils, schools do not have to spend pupil premium so that it solely benefits eligible pupils, but it will be used to help remove barriers to learning that lower income pupils can face.

The following groups are eligible for pupil premium:

- pupils who are recorded as **eligible for free school meals**, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years, including eligible children of families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- children looked after by local authorities, referred to as **looked-after children**
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, referred to as **previously looked-after children**

Free School Meals (FSM)

If you are from a lower income family, you may well be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). If the parental income is below the threshold, or they receive a qualifying benefit, it is worth them applying for FSM as it will also entitle you to other financial support at school, beyond meals. There are eligibility criteria on the Kingston Website here <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals-1>

To apply for Free School Meals at Tiffin, your parents need to complete this form.

https://kingston-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_Free_School_Meals_in_Kingston

If you do qualify for FSM, the school will automatically load the money onto your lunch card each day. It is very discreet and no other students would know that you receive this financial support.

What other support will I be eligible for if I receive FSM?

If you apply and are awarded FSM by the Kingston Local Authority, the school will also receive extra Pupil Premium Funding to help pay for additional support at school that will help overcome barriers to learning.

You can find more information in our Pupil Premium Policy on our school website [here](#).

But some examples of financial support you would receive are:

- Subsidised school trips e.g. all day trips and one residential trip per academic year.
- Subsidised Music lessons from Year 7
- Prioritised careers guidance
- Subsidised initial Chromebook cost and some future Chromebook repairs

If you think that you might qualify for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium, we would strongly encourage your parents to apply to Kingston using the [link](#).