

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 have a school meal if they do not want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meal
- You would rather your child has a packed lunch

Paid School Meal

Your child can still have a school meal even if they are not entitled to FSM.

All food served in school at lunch time by our catering provider 'Cater Link'. They serve both European and Halal food.

If you would like your child to have a school meal you will need to set up a 'Parent Pay' account as soon as possible.

Your child will be given an activation letter on their 1st day of school with your log in details.

If you pay for your child's school meal via Pay Point (barcode letter) you must pay 48 hours in advance to ensure your payment goes onto your child's account on time.

All parents/carers **MUST** pay online in advance and have money on the account to ensure your child receives a school meal.

Heald Place Primary School

**Free School Meals,
Pupil Premium and
Paid school meals**



**Every Child a
Confident Learner**

This leaflet contains information on:

- *Who qualifies for Free School Meals (FSM)*
- *How to apply for Free School Meals*
- *What is Pupil Premium & how is this used*
- *Paying for school meals*

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats a free tasty & nutritious meal at lunchtime, and they can save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. Heald Place Primary gets extra funding, known as 'Pupil Premium' for every eligible child who is registered. This is worth at least £900 a year.

How to apply for FSM

You can apply for free school meals online at:

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Registering will not affect your benefits.

School can apply on your behalf if you are unable to access or complete the online application.

Please contact the school office

Who qualifies for Free School Meals (FSM)

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

- Income Support
- Income-based job seekers allowance or employment and support allowance
- Support under part IV of the immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of pension credit
- Child tax credit (as long as you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working tax credit
- Universal credit

In addition, school provides free school meals to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. This is known as Universal Infant Free School Meal

What is 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 2011
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

How is Pupil Premium used?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals, schools use the funding to improve the attainment of the pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use pupil premium funding on our website.