



# Hillside First School

*"Where children are at the heart of everything we do"*

## A Parent & Carer's Guide to Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

### What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve outcomes for disadvantaged children.

This funding is used to provide targeted support, enrichment opportunities and additional resources to help children reach their full potential.

### Could your child be eligible?

Your financial circumstances may entitle your child to additional support in school through Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding.

Your child may be eligible if you receive:

- Universal Credit (with annual net earned income of £7,400 or less)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (4 weeks after qualifying ends)
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with income under £16,190

Children may also qualify if they:

- have qualified for free school meals at any point in the past six years.
- have been looked after under local authority care for more than one day.
- Are from service families who receive a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

### Please apply – even in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically receive Universal Infant Free School Meals regardless of their family income.



However, **only children who meet the income-based criteria and are registered** generate Pupil Premium funding for the school and access the additional benefits listed below.

Even if your child does not wish to take a school meal, registering is still important.

### **How this supports your child at Hillside First School**

Eligible pupils may receive:

- Free school uniform (T&Cs apply)
- Free milk
- Support with school trips
- Additional small group learning support where appropriate

### **Why apply?**

- Ensures your child has access to extra support
- Helps provide targeted teaching and intervention
- Supports enrichment opportunities
- Helps the school secure vital additional funding

Registering benefits both your child and the wider school community.

### **How do I apply?**

Apply online at:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/initiolearning>

You will need:

- Your National Insurance number (or your Asylum Seekers Service number)
- Your child's name and date of birth

In most cases, you will be told immediately if you are eligible.

If you need help completing the form, please contact the school office on **01202 822737** - we are happy to assist.