



BEECHEN CLIFF

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Beechen Cliff School, we get an extra £955 (for secondary schools) – these figures are for the 2021/2022 financial year, for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

What does it mean if you are Pupil Premium at Beechen Cliff School?

We reserve a proportion of the top-up received for you and your child to decide how best to spend and can be spent on any of the following:

- School uniform
- Stationery
- School locker
- Music lessons (our usual offer is to pay 50% of 20 minute lessons which means parents pay around £20 per month and the school pay the remainder but this is calculated on an individual basis so do contact the school if you are interested in this)
- Subsidy for school trips
- Duke of Edinburgh and other extracurricular opportunities
- Loan of a personal laptop
- Revision guides
- Other key equipment for school such as a camera for photography GCSE

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What is the rest of the money spent on?

The remaining money is spent on in school interventions which include:

- Literacy coordinator & reading programmes
- Additional technician support in science and technology
- Attendance support through the school's attendance officer
- Mentoring and mental health support
- Careers support
- Tutoring
- Other opportunities

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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 of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once via B&NES.

Before you apply to B&NES

You will need to supply the following information **accurately and in full** for us to process your application:

- Dates of birth for you, any other parent and guardian, and **all** of your children (we may use this information to refer you to additional benefits or support that you may be able to get)
- Contact details for you and any other parent or guardian
- Your National Insurance Number

- Your National Asylum Seeker Support Number (for applicants without a National Insurance Number)

To register, please either visit - [Apply for free school meals | Bath and North East Somerset Council](#)

Or call B&NES on **01225 39 43 17** to make a telephone registration. You will need to supply **all** of the details in the '**Before you apply to B&NES**' section above. If the lines are busy, please leave a message with your telephone number, and they will call you back to complete your registration.

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to the B&NES website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.