

What is Pupil Premium?

Publicly-funded schools in England receive extra funding from the government to help improve the attainment of their disadvantaged pupils. Evidence shows that children from disadvantaged backgrounds may face extra challenges in reaching their potential at school. The pupil premium grant is designed to allow schools to help disadvantaged pupils by improving their progress.

Your child may be able to get free school meals and school clothing vouchers if you get 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 of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

In addition, pupils who have qualified for free school meals on the above grounds in the past, but are no longer eligible, continue to receive pupil premium for the next six years.

If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium, please click the link below.

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

At **Kirkby Stephen Primary School** there is a school-wide commitment to raising achievement for ALL pupils, and a key objective for the use of the Pupil Premium grant is to close the gap between pupil groups. Please see our Pupil Premium Strategy Statement and policy for details around how the Pupil Premium Grant is used in our school.

