

Archibald First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been looking forward to welcoming the children back into school and hope this year will be a more settled one than the last two years have been.

You may already be aware of 'Pupil Premium' school funding allocation, which is given to schools if they have children who fall into any of the categories below:

- Children claiming free school meals.
- Children who have one parent serving in the armed forces, or who have registered as a
- 'service child' since 2016.
- Children who were adopted from care. Please be aware that legal documentation will need to be shared with the school.
- Children who have a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) or Child Arrangement Order (CAO). Please be aware that legal documentation will need to be shared with 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

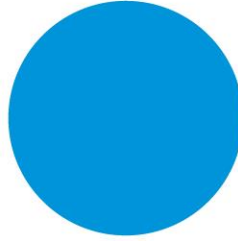
At Archibald First School, we get between £300 and £2300 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals, as having parents who currently serve in the armed forces or who has been adopted. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources including Teaching Assistants to support learning in the classrooms.
- Academic interventions – Lexia, IDL
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- Employing a Family Support Advisor – Diana West

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Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get one of the qualifying benefits and they are:

- in government-funded education full time up to the age of 19, or
- in a nursery class or nursery school and attending for full days.

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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

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?

To check if you are eligible and then to register, please follow this link

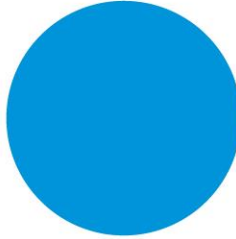
<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals>

Adopted Children

To register, parents and guardians must provide evidence, for example, a copy of the legal order or a confirmation letter from the local authority which placed their child. Parents should not need to declare their child's status again until the child changes school. This will be kept confidential.

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Service Children

The following criteria is used to register a child as a 'Service' Child:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census at any point since 2014
- one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme
- pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service are classed as service children

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our 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.

If you would like to discuss anything further or would like to make an appointment to discuss sharing of legal documents, please telephone the school number (0191 2851957). We would appreciate it if this could be completed by Friday 17th September if possible.

Best wishes

Rebecca Turner
Head Teacher

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