

PUPIL PREMIUM

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium funding, which is additional to the main school funding is the best way to address inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and those children who are not. Pupil Premium Funding is used to tackle disadvantaged in order to reach the pupils who need it most.

Schools are currently given Pupil Premium funding for those families who have registered for FSM. This includes any child who has been registered for Free School meals at any point during the past six years. The children of members of the armed forces are also entitled to this funding. Schools also receive funding for each pupil who has been looked after for one day or more, has been adopted from care or has left under a special guardianship order, a residence order or a child arrangement order.

The money is given to schools to support them in enabling all pupils to reach or exceed the nationally expected level for their age. Each school may decide how best to use the funding and are held accountable for how it has been used to support pupils from low income families.

Often parents are concerned that there is a stigma attached to being seen as a 'low income' family. At Kehelland, all matters regarding free school meals and Pupil Premium are treated confidentially. The key purpose of our funding is to enable all pupils to reach their full potential. We work with our families and colleagues to make sure everyone involved with the child has high aspirations.

We recognise that barriers to achievement take a variety of forms and will do whatever we can to support a child, both in and out of the classroom. We use resources to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity to become an empowered learner. In order to achieve this, we will offer our children a wide range of opportunities which are accessible for everyone.

How do I know if I can apply for Pupil premium?

To be eligible for Pupil Premium the family must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits (information correct as at July 2019 and taken from the Cornwall Council guidelines):

- Universal credit with net '(take home)' income not exceeding £7400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not 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.

You can apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals which can also provide you with more information, including how the changes to legislation have affected any pupils already eligible for Free School Meals and the protection that is in place for them.



