



## HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning and Achieving Together*

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **PUPIL PREMIUM**

Since the introduction of the Government's Universal Free School Meals policy for all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2, many parents who are entitled to "free school meals" no longer apply. If parents do not register it means that the school does not receive the associated Pupil Premium Funding. There are also many families whose circumstances have changed recently due to COVID-19 and they may have become eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding. Some of you have already informed us however, if you believe you are eligible please complete the Google form using the following link: [Pupil Premium / Free School Meal application form](#). Once you have completed the form we will check your eligibility and be able to advise you instantly as to whether you qualify.

Our school receives £1,345 for each child eligible. With your support we anticipate approximately £140,000 this year. We are concerned that this amount may fall if parents do not enable us to claim. If we receive less money we are not able to continue with the present good staff/pupil ratio.

This funding is used by the school to help children who receive pupil premium funding but it also benefits all children as we are able to provide smaller classes/groups for particular subjects.

Pupil premium funding also provides:

- Extra one-to-one or small-group support for children within the classroom
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work with classes
- Paying for additional help such as speech and language therapy or family therapy
- Investing in resources that boost children's learning, such as laptops or tablets
- Intervention Groups



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Your child(ren) may be eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less (based on the financial year)
- Universal Credit - In England, if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

If your child qualifies for pupil premium, or if your situation changes in the future, it is important that you inform the school, even if he/she has a packed lunch, as this enables the school to claim pupil premium money.

To support us in making sure we reach all parents we are asking parents to complete the application form by Monday 28th September. We appreciate that parents do not have to provide this information but it would really help us in making sure we are receiving the correct budget for our school.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Childs at [schilds@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:schilds@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk).

Yours sincerely



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**Principal**