



Blandford St. Mary  
CE Primary School

'Let all that you do be done in love'

'Love, Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Pupil Premium -£1,515 can make a big difference to your child's schooling and learning experiences**

From April 2015, schools have been able to claim extra funding through the Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care. The purpose of this letter is to explain what the Pupil Premium is, who is eligible for this funding, and, importantly, to ask you (if eligible) to click on the link below and fill out the form so that we, as a provider, can claim the extra funding.

The Pupil Premium provides extra funding to schools for any child whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or who were formerly in local authority care but who left care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order. This additional money could make a significant difference to us.

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the education that we provide for your child. This could include, for example, additional training for our staff on early language, investing in extra staff to support children in small group or 1:1 work or supporting our staff in working on specialised areas such as speech and language. In addition, financial support for families is available, such as help with the cost of school uniform, half-price trips and residential visits.

Once a child becomes eligible for Pupil Premium, the funding continues for the next six years (Ever6), even if family circumstances change. This means your child can continue to benefit from the support and opportunities it provides throughout their primary education.

**Who is eligible?**

Your child qualifies for free school meals (Pupil Premium) as long as you receive any of these benefits:

- 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: this is as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

It is very easy to find out if you are eligible. All you need are a few details including your National Insurance number.

You can either:

1. follow this link and apply yourself: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/pupil-premium>  
or
2. come into school and we can do this with you on your behalf. Just contact the school and arrange a convenient time. Miss Kingston, Mrs Shipton or Mrs Sherwood in our office are happy to help.

**Please apply as the £1,515 can make a big difference to your child's schooling and learning experiences.**

With my very best wishes



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