

GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Pupil Premium Grant – Factsheet for Parents

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil premium was introduced in April 2011 and is additional funding that the Government gives to schools for each pupil on roll there they are deemed to be disadvantaged.

Why is the Government providing Pupil Premium?

Low income is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances. The Government believe that Pupil Premium is the best way to address these underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle this disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

Who receives Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is allocated to low-income families who are registered for Free School Meals, all any pupils who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years. Children who are in care and children of parents currently serving in the armed services, or have served and left the service since April 2011.

My child already has free school meals – do I need still need to apply?

This often causes confusion, particularly with parents of children in Years Reception – Year 2 who receive a free school meal anyway as part of the Governments 'Universal Free School Meal' entitlement. However currently, by applying for free school meals, this is the only way that the school and Government can determine whether that child would be eligible for pupil premium.

(Please also note that this does not mean that your child has to take advantage a school meal if entitled to, but we do recommend it).

I might be eligible, how do I apply?

There is a form attached which can be completed and given in to the school office and we will happily forward this on to the correct department, or you could send it to the address given on the form.

Alternatively, you can apply online at:-

<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals/>

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