



Leventhorpe
a business and enterprise academy

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

You may be aware that the government is currently allocating additional funding to schools in the form of 'The Pupil Premium'. One of the criteria used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSMs). In common with most schools it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend Leventhorpe fail to claim FSMs, even though they are entitled to them.

As the school will receive additional funding based on the number of children who receive FSMs. As a school, we are encouraging all parents and carers, if they believe that they may be entitled to claim FSMs for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim. The children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding. Not only that, our catering team provides an excellent range of healthy lunch options that are enjoyed daily by a significant number of our pupils. Your child may well be able to access these free of charge.

In order to claim FSMs a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (but no Working Tax Credit is being received by the claimant or his/her partner and the combined annual income as assessed by HMIR on a TC602 form is not above £16,190)
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit.
- Asylum Seeker under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you think that you are eligible to apply for FSMs for your child, contact your local country council:

www.hertsdirect.org - Hertfordshire County Council

www.essex.gov.uk – Essex County Council Tel. **0845 603 2200**

When calling, it will help if you have your National Insurance number to hand. In this way, you will be able to register for Free School Meals immediately should you be eligible to do so.

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is a sum of money allocated to the Academy for students who have previously or are currently receiving Free School Meals (FSM) as well as children of Service Families and Looked after Children (LAC). Nationally, the statistics show that students who are in receipt of FSM do less well than their peers in external exams. Schools are given the freedom to decide how to spend the money in order to best close this attainment gap.

Leventhorpe has 8% of students entitled to receive pupil premium.

How much money do we get?

2012-2013: £58, 412

What kind of things do we spend our money on?

- Staffing costs for 1:1 mentoring
- Staffing costs to reduce group size in core subjects
- Assistance with the costs of curriculum trips, curriculum activities and other school trips
- Group mentoring with external
- Individual tutoring in core subjects
- Enrichment activities
- Resources and equipment to support learning
- After-school study support group
- Careers advice and work experience support

How do students in receipt of Pupil Premium do at Leventhorpe?

GCSE Results 2013:

In order to ascertain whether we are successfully closing the gap for our students, we consider both the academic and social context. Through mentoring, 1:1 support and enrichment activities, students have been given the skills to make the right decisions and turnaround previously unacceptable behaviour which stopped them achieving their potential. Similarly a wide range of intervention strategies have helped a number of students achieve beyond expectations and supported them in continuing their education at Sixth Form.

Free School Meals – Help

Please visit <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/canhhelp/> for more information on Free School Meals.