



*Beyond Expectations*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

**If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.**

**What is pupil premium funding?**

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At The Axholme Academy, we get an extra £985 (for secondary schools) – these figures are for the 2022/2023 financial year, for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)
- Targeted Academic Support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)
- Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour and wellbeing)
- The Axholme Academy Pupil Premium Strategies Plan can be found on our [website](#).

Schools will also receive £2,410 for each pupil identified as having left local-authority care because of 1 of the following:

- adoption
- a special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order
- a residence order

If a pupil has been registered as eligible for free school meals and has also left local-authority care for any of the reasons above, they will attract the £2,410 rate. Children who have been in local-authority care for 1 day or more also attract £2,410 of pupil premium funding. source: [www.gov.uk/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings](http://www.gov.uk/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings)

**Is my child eligible for free school meals?**

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

**Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

**How do I register?**

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, see: <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/school-food-and-free-school-meals/>

**More information**

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the Academy.

Best wishes,  
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