

2025-2026

URGENT, PLEASE HELP US TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM FUNDING FOR THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, or if you are a service family, the school receives additional funding to support them. For every child who is registered for Free School Meals the school receives an additional £1075.00 and for every Service child an additional £350.00.

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

It is essential that we hold accurate data so that our budget is calculated correctly and we receive the appropriate funding to enable us to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

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:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

ARMED FORCES

Every year we are required to supply information to the Department for Education (DfE) of those students whose parents serve or have served in the Armed Forces (Army, Navy and RAF). If you are a serving member of the armed forces, or have served in the last six years, please complete the reply slip below and return by the date shown.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you believe you may qualify for free school meals please register even if you do not wish to take up the free meal every day. If your child is registered for Free School Meals you could also be eligible for support in meeting other costs such as music lessons and school trips which form an important part of the curriculum. Please register now to make sure your child does not miss out.



Free school meals are available for pupils where the parents or carers are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- Income-based, **Job Seeker's Allowance** (NOT contribution based JSA)
- Income-related **Employment and Support Allowance** (NOT contribution based ESA)
- support under **Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** – National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- the guarantee element of **State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** – You must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HMRC) that does not exceed £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- **Working Tax Credit 'run-on'** - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- **Universal Credit** (provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

All we need you to do is complete the attached form and return it to Mrs Findley, in the school office by the date shown. You do not need any proof of benefit as Wiltshire Council will check that you are eligible.

Yours faithfully

School Business Manager

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