

Dear Parents and Carers,

13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## **Pupil Premium Funding and School Lunches**

### **School Lunches**

At Broadstone Middle school we are able to provide school packed lunches to all children. If you would like your child to have a school lunch they must be ordered through the Weduc app. Children who qualify for free school meals do not have to make a payment but lunches still need to be ordered by parents to ensure your child receives a lunch.

**All lunches will still need to be ordered through our Weduc app and the menu will remain the same.**

When accessing the app, you will find the lunch choices available to your child for each day under the catering purse and then "Meals". If you are entitled to free school meals, there is no cost for the meal. For those children not entitled to free school meals there is a charge of £2.80 for each day; you will need to pay at the time of ordering.

Please select "in school meal" and you need to select a main each day – that will provide your child with 5 items – a main, side, piece of fruit, drink and dessert. The menus and allergen reports for each week are available on our website <https://www.bmsweb.co.uk/school-information/free-school-meals/> and if there are any dietary requirements that don't appear to be met, please contact us by the closing date/time for orders and our provider will be able to offer alternatives. All items will show the allergens in the food.

**Each week the meal selections need to be made by midnight on the Wednesday ready for the forthcoming week.** If this deadline is missed, you will need to provide a lunch from home for your child.

### **Pupil Premium – Funding**

As you may be aware, the government provides schools with additional funding for every pupil who is either currently in receipt of free school meals, or has been over the last six years.

As the current climate has, and is changing, we are writing to you in case you and your family may be eligible for this funding.

The Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding which comes from the Government in order to support some families. This grant must be spent to support eligible children both socially and academically and it is the schools decision where this is best spent. This money can be used to support Pupil Premium children by funding school trips, added expenses for families etc. Like most schools we use this funding to provide additional staffing hours, extra provision and opportunities for pupils. However, we differ from many schools because we also allow you, as parents, access to £125 of this funding to areas of education you feel will benefit your child. The school will allocate £125 of each grant to be spent on school related activities and resources at the discretion of the parents and carers, in agreement with the school although £40 of this grant will be ringfenced for educational visits.

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There are criteria which need to be met in order to access Pupil Premium funding:

1. Pupil Premium is allocated to children who are eligible for free school meals. Advice from the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole — [Poole.gov.uk](http://Poole.gov.uk) website states that Free school meals are available for children whose parents receive:
  - Income Support
  - Jobseeker's Allowance (income based)
  - Employment and Support Allowance (income based)
  - Child tax Credit based on income below £16,190
  - The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
  - Asylum Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - Working Tax Credit 'run on' (this is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
  - Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

Families who receive any level of Working Tax Credit are NOT entitled to free school meals.

2. Children who have been in local authority care for 1 day or more in England and Wales, have been adopted from care in England or Wales or have left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales.
3. Children of Forces Families.

### **Applying for Pupil Premium**

If you have already applied for free school meals and your child currently receives the Pupil Premium Funding at the school, then you do not need to do anything further.

If you think you are entitled, please complete the application for Free School Meals form attached, as without this application, the school will not get the additional funds which will be used to support your child. The form can also be found on the BCP website under Pupil Premium, and needs to be returned to the Free School Meals and Education Transport Team or email it to [schoolmeals.transport@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:schoolmeals.transport@bcpcouncil.gov.uk). Alternatively, please return to the school office and we will forward this information onto the relevant department for you.

If you would like any further information regarding either the Pupil Premium Grant or free school meals, please go to the Borough of Poole website or contact the school office or myself to discuss matters.

Yours sincerely



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