



Pupil Premium Funding

In 2011 the Government introduced Pupil Premium funding to schools. This is additional funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

The funding is currently £1,345 for a primary age pupil. This funding cannot be accessed unless a child's parent/guardian applies. This application can be applied even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This has no effect on your entitlement, but it could provide extra funding for St. George's Primary.

Benefits your child will receive through Pupil Premium Funding – See Appendix 3

There are 3 types of Pupil Premium Funding

- **Pupils who receive a 'Free School Meal Award' from the Local Authority** (for parents / guardians who are in receipt of certain benefits)

Pupil Premium is paid in respect of pupils that are eligible for the 'Free School Meal Award', or have been eligible for Free School Meals in the last 6 years. To apply complete a free school meals application online www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. You will need your National Insurance number or Asylum Seekers Service number so that Dorset Council can make automated checks to confirm your entitlement. They will let you know straight away if you qualify for Free School Meals. They will send you a confirmation email shortly after. Or you can complete a paper application '**Applying for Pupil Premium / Free School Meals Form- see Appendix 2**' and hand into the school office.

- **Pupils who have left Local Authority Care**

Pupil Premium is also paid for pupils that have left Local Authority Care due to adoption or one of the following reasons:

- A special guardianship order
- A child arrangement order
- A residence order

This amount is currently £2,345

- **Service Pupil Premium**

Pupils can get service Pupil Premium if a parent/guardian is in the armed forces. The current amount is £310.

Pupil Premium funding can only be paid to schools. It cannot be paid directly to parents. Schools will have strategies with their Governors to ensure the funding is used in the most appropriate way, according to the conditions of the grant. Every School must publish their Pupil Premium allocation and spending on their School Website.