

How do I check for eligibility for Pupil Premium?

A parent or carer may wish to check for eligibility for Pupil Premium or continued Free School Meals. This can be done through Cornwall County website:

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

Can I have the money in cash?

No, we are not able to do this, all the money is held and managed by the school office on your behalf.

Can I use the money allocated for one child on another?

No, each child has their own allocated budget.

How do I apply for PROJECT 100?

If you are already on our register for Pupil Premium, you will automatically be accepted onto the incentive. If you are not sure, please look at the website listed on this letter or come and speak to one of our office staff.

Please come and see us if you have any further questions.

Mrs. Evison

Headteacher



PROJECT 100

Pupil Premium
support for
for September 2020

£100 free funding for parents

Pupil Premium – Explained

Dear Parent/ Carer,

In anticipation of the new school year and following queries from several parents, outlined below for your information is an explanation of what Pupil Premium is, the benefits associated with it and how to apply.

What is pupil premium?

Pupil Premium is funding paid by the government directly to schools. For each child eligible for Pupil Premium the school receives:

- Looked after children: £2,300 per school year
- Free School Meals: £1,320 per school year
- Service children: £300 per school year

This money is to allow schools to provide additional opportunities to close the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their class mates.

What are the benefits?

There are many benefits for both the child and the school, these include:

- Additional funding to support learning, progress and overall achievement.
- Small booster group tuition sessions
- Support with learning and emotional needs
- Heavily subsidized cost of educational visits, residential trips and music tuition.
- Supported access to specific clubs / activities.

How do I know if I can apply for Pupil Premium?

To be eligible for Pupil Premium the family must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.

PROJECT 100

For September 2019, we are starting a new initiative to support families who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

We are allocating £100 credit to parents/carers who are eligible the Pupil Premium Grant per pupil.

How will the money be allocated?

We will be giving each parent / carer a personal budget of £100 per eligible pupil.

- £50 will be credited into your account at the start of Autumn term
- £25 additional credit will be added if you attend parent evening and your child's attendance for the Autumn term is 96% (national expectation) or better.
- £25 additional credit will be added in the Spring term if the attendance is maintained at 96% or better.

What can I use the money for?

You can choose to spend the money on any item that will enhance your child's learning opportunities in school. These include paying for: school trips and residential camps, swimming lessons, Breakfast club, After school Clubs and Busy Bees clubs and some uniform.

How do I 'spend' my child's budget?

The school office holds the money for you, you will not receive any cash. We ask that you complete the request form and pass it on to the office staff for processing. They will keep you informed half termly of how much has been spent and how much is remaining.

Why is attendance so important?

Research clearly shows a link between good attendance and children achieving well at school. We want every child at Blackwater to do well and you can help by ensuring your child is in school every day.

Can I save it up and pay for a residential trip in the Summer term?

Yes, you can save it up for a major event. As a pupil premium child, your child will also receive a discount off the total cost of a residential trip. This is separate from this fund.

What happens at the end of the year if I don't spend it?

You may carry forward a maximum of £25 to the next year assuming your child is still a pupil at Blackwater. Any additional funding will be returned to the main school pupil premium budget to be spent in different ways for the benefit of pupil premium children.