

The facts

- Across Warwickshire ££££s of money is currently unclaimed
- Schools are missing out and in turn pupils will miss out, on extra equipment and resources, schools trips and visits, and extra learning and development support.
- Children who eat well during the day concentrate better in lessons.
- Evidence also suggests that families who are not claiming their FSM entitlement are also likely to be missing out on other benefits.



Please see the
Warwickshire County Council
website for further information

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Could you help your school claim all the money it's entitled to?

**Warwickshire schools miss out
on ££££s of unclaimed benefits**



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What is Pupil Premium?



Pupil premium is a sum of money that schools get for any pupil in receipt of free school meals.

Currently figures stand at:

- £1,320 per pupil, primary schools
- £935 per pupil, secondary schools
- £1,900 for any child that:
 - has been looked after for one day or more
 - is adopted or living in care
 - has special guardianship, a residence order or a child arrangement order

Schools choose how they use their pupil premium money, to offer the best support to vulnerable pupils.

This may be through employing more support staff, subsidising school trips to make them more accessible, purchasing specialist equipment and so much more.

How can you help?

In order for schools to access the money available to them families must firstly apply for free school meals, this doesn't mean that the meal has to be taken **HOWEVER AN APPLICATION MUST BE MADE!**

Apply Online 

If you are on benefits such as JSA, ESA, the guarantee element of state pension credit, Universal Credit or Child Tax Credit, and have an annual income not in excess of £16,190, you may be entitled to free school meals.

Universal free school meals

Universal free school meals was brought in by the government to allow any child aged 4-7 years old, access to a hot school meal. However, due to this schools are missing out.

As every child is now entitled to a meal, those who would otherwise get a 'free school meal' don't make the claim, which means the schools aren't receiving the pupil premium money.

Myth Buster



My child only eats sandwiches...

That's not a problem. Sandwiches are available as part of free school meals. Please check with your school.

We both work, this doesn't apply to me...

Not necessarily, it is still worth applying.

Once registered my child has to always eat at the school...

No, once your child is FSM registered the school will receive the money even if you choose to opt out for certain days in the week or all days.

I don't want my child 'labelled'...

No, schools now operate systems that minimise or remove the distinction between those on free school meals and those who pay.

My benefits will be reduced or stopped by applying for FSM...

No, claiming FSM will not affect any existing benefit entitlement.



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