



10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents ,

Did you know that registering your child for 'Pupil Premium' means that the school is able to claim funding to provide extra resources for your child?

## **Register to make sure we don't miss out.**

'Pupil Premium' funding is an extra amount of money paid direct to the school from the government for every child, who meets any of the following criteria:

- Pupils eligible for a Free School Meal.
- Children adopted from care, along with children who left care under a Residence Order on or after 14 October 1991, and those that left care under a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30 December 2005.
- Pupils whose parents are in the armed forces or have been in the last five years.

We believe that this money can make a big difference to your child's education. In 2016-17 schools received an extra £1,300 for each child eligible for free school meals, £1,900 for each child who is adopted or who has left care, and £300 for each child whose parents serve (or have served) in the armed forces. With this money we can provide extra resources for your child.

## **How does it work?**

First, check if you qualify using the three bullet points at the top of the page.

## **Free School Meals**

You can register your child for free school meals if you claim any of these benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you are an asylum seeker.
- Child Tax Credit if the household income is below £16,190 p.a.
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit





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If you are in receipt of Working Tax Credits, you are not entitled to Pupil Premium regardless of income.

All children in Years R, 1 and 2 do not need to pay for their school meals as they qualify for *Universal Free School Meals*. However, in order for Meopham Community Academy to receive Pupil Premium funding for your child you will need to submit a Free School Meals Application to Kent County Council. This can be completed confidentially online at

[↪ Kent County Council - Free School Meals](#)

**Adopted from care/Residence Order/ Special Guardianship Order:**

Please contact the school office.

**Pupils whose parents are in the armed forces or have been in the last five years:**

Please contact the school office.

Once registered you will receive a £100 voucher annually (per registered child) for the Sewing Shop to help towards the cost of your child's school uniform. Once your child enters KS2, they will be issued with a tablet device to help support their learning.

**Please only apply once your child has started school.**

If you would like us to make the application on your behalf, please complete the slip below and return to the school office.

Yours sincerely

**Miss R Nicholson  
Headteacher**

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**Pupil Premium Funding**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

NI Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_