

Eversley Primary School



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Dear Parent / Carer

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

'Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Service' <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> is a web site where parents can quickly and easily check eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, also gain welcome additional funding for their child's school, known as 'Pupil Premium'. If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meals although we would encourage this. Of course, if you wish you can make other arrangements for your child. We do, however welcome applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school.

What the service does for parents:

After entering essential details into the web site, the online application process links to the Department for Education system for checking eligibility and gives an immediate 'yes' or 'no' response, and will notify the school.

This system is being provided to encourage parents to apply and take advantage of free school meals while at the same time increasing the benefit to schools from Pupil Premium funding, a substantial amount of which does not reach schools because not all parents who are eligible apply for free meals for their child. **This is particularly important for those pupils moving to year 3 in September when Universal Infant Free School meals will end.**

What the service does for schools:

As all children in Key stage 1 are eligible for free school meals, it is more important than ever for schools to know the number of pupils for whom they can claim Pupil Premium funding. These funds enable schools to take on additional staff and invest in additional equipment, resources and activities to the benefit of all children.

Please visit <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> and enter the necessary details.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P Pepper".

Mrs P Pepper
Headteacher