

## Pupil Premium

In addition to the main school funding from the local authority, which is based on pupil numbers, Vaughan also receives a Pupil Premium for all children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), or those who have qualified for FSM in the last six years.

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address the underlying inequalities between children from lower-income families, as indicated by their eligibility for FSM, and their wealthier peers, as it ensures that funding reaches the children who need it most.

Each school is allowed to decide how they spend the Pupil Premium but we have to demonstrate that we are using the money to support pupils from low-income families and the school and the Governors specifically monitor the progress and attainment of these children.

## How do I apply?

Please apply online:  
**[www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net)**

This website will take you to the Free School Meals Eligibility Checker so you can check your eligibility prior to applying. If you are eligible, you will then be directed to the 'apply' section.

If you are unable to apply online, please contact the school office.

The school office can apply on your behalf if you are unable to apply yourself.

Please note you must be the parent or legal guardian of the child in order to make an application. You may not apply for nieces, nephews, foster children or friends' children.

## VAUGHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

**Claim your  
free school meal...**



## Message to parents

We ask all parents and guardians whose children attend our school, and are eligible, to complete an application for Free School Meals. The government has agreed to pay schools for each pupil registered as entitled to Free School Meals via the Pupil Premium scheme.

## What is the Pupil Premium and who qualifies for it?

The Pupil Premium is a government commitment to pay a school £1,320 per pupil registered as entitled to Free School Meals. This is money the school can benefit from, funding new equipment or maybe new teaching staff.

## Who qualifies for Free School Meals?

The school can claim the Pupil Premium for each child entitled to Free School Meals. To be eligible for Free School Meals, the child must be attending full time school and their parent must be receiving one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an annual gross income of less than £16,190. **You do not qualify if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit**
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

## I think I qualify but do not want my child to receive Free School Meals. Why should I apply?

Even if you do not want your child to receive a free meal, we would still urge you to submit an application. The money generated by the Pupil Premium if you are found to be entitled will help the school, your child, and other children at the school.

The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) are unable to assess eligibility without the information provided by you.

## How is my application processed?

The details in your application will be checked against a database maintained by the Department for Education. If the LGfL are able to confirm your eligibility through this system you will not need to provide any further information.

## What happens if my entitlement cannot be confirmed using the DfE database?

If the LGfL are unable to confirm your eligibility this way, they will ask you to provide them with copies of recent documents to support your application. These include:

## Income Support, Income based Job Seeker's Allowance or Income related Employment and Support Allowance.

A copy of your letter for the current financial year from the DWP. Your signing-on card is not sufficient, as it does not state what benefit you receive. If you do not have this letter you should contact JobcentrePlus about obtaining a copy.

## Child Tax Credit

The LGfL need to see your Inland Revenue Tax Credit Award Notice (TC602) for the current financial year. If you do not have this letter you should telephone the Agency and request a copy: 0845 300 3900. Please note that you are not eligible if you receive Working Tax Credit or your total income is more than £16,190.

## Guarantee Pension Credits

The LGfL need to see your letter from the Pension Service for the current financial year confirming you receive Guarantee Credits.

## Or NASS documents if you are an Asylum Seeker.

In the case of applicants who are supported by NASS, the LGfL will need to see your documents from the Home Office naming you and your child and your ARC card.