

**Pupil Premium**

Dear Parent/Carer

Although your child may be entitled to free school meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme, some families are eligible for further school funding from the government. This funding is known as Pupil Premium and is available for families who receive certain benefits.

This additional money could make a significant difference to the school and the education of your child.

It is up to each school to decide how best to use this funding and at Hollinhey we use the pupil premium for the following:

* TA time to offer mentoring and support for those children who have social and emotional needs.
* TA time to work with those children identified as needing additional support in Maths and English.
* Funding for individual or small group interventions.
* Specialist programmes to support children’s individual needs.
* Contributions to swimming costs
* Contributions to class visits and residentials
* Support for individual children to enable them to participate in school life or develop specific interests and talents.
* children starting in the Reception class will receive one set of school uniform free (Sweatshirt/Trousers or Skirt/Shirt) when they start school.

**Is my child eligible for Pupil Premium?**

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

* Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
* Income Support
* Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
* Income related Employment Support Allowance
* Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
* The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
* Child Tax Credit  - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
* Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If you are not sure and would like further information please speak to the school office who will be happy to advise you or alternatively you could contact them through the website [freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or telephone 0300 123 5012

Kind regards

Mrs Clough