

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school dinner thanks to a Government funding scheme known as 'Universal infant free school meals'. However, did you know that your child may be entitled to extra funding called Pupil premium? This is often referred to as 'free school meals' but shouldn't be confused with the Universal infant free meals.

What is pupil premium funding?

The Pupil premium is **extra** funding from the government given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. At Robert Miles Infants we get an extra £1,345 for every eligible pupil who is registered. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building intervention
- Help towards school trips and visits.

Is my child eligible?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

How do I register?

Go to Nottinghamshire County council page below https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk

This uses the Department for Education free school meals eligibility checking system to determine eligibility. Parents only need to provide their National Insurance Number, surname and date of birth.

If your application is completed and agreed by the 1st October 2020 we can access the money more quickly.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, or need help registering please contact the office on 01949837422/office@rmischool.co.uk for help.

Yours sincerely,

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