



HIGHWORTH WARNEFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

If your child is eligible for free school meals or you are currently serving / have served in the Armed Forces within the last 6 years, our school could receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this money to support the academic progress of your child in school and improve the educational provision and resources for all. For more information about how we use the Pupil Premium funding please see our website.

Free School Meals

Government funding is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

It is provided for pupils who:

- pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years, including eligible children of families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- children looked after by local authorities, referred to as looked-after children
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, referred to as previously looked-after children

Your child might be eligible for free school meals if you access one or more of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

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- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your household annual income is less than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided your household annual income is less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you prefer your child to have packed lunches, we would ask that you still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

Our request to you:

Please check whether you are eligible to claim free school meals and if so then we would urge you to register so that the school can access the pupil premium funding. In these challenging times it is critical that we access as much of the support as possible from the government to ensure we can continue to support our pupils. To check eligibility please visit the local government website or contact me directly for further details

(StanleyF@warnefordschool.org.uk)

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals

Service Pupil Premium

Service pupil premium is additional funding for schools with pupils who have parents serving in the armed forces. It has been combined into pupil premium payments to make it easier for schools to manage their spending.

Pupils in state-funded schools in England attract the service pupil premium grant, at the rate of £335 per eligible pupil in financial year 2023-24, if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces, including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service - this includes pupils with a parent who is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England
- registered as a 'service child' on any school census in the past 6 years
- one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

This funding is primarily to enable schools to offer pastoral support and help mitigate the negative impact of family mobility or parental deployment. It can also be used to help improve the academic progress of eligible pupils if the school deems this to be a priority.

Our request to you:

If you have not already told us that your child qualifies for the Service Premium, please email me directly StanleyF@warnefordschool.org.uk and I will ensure that they are registered for this on the next census.

If you have any questions or further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01793 762426 ext 230 or email to StanleyF@warnefordschool.org.uk

Best wishes,

Mrs F Stanley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Stanley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Senior Associate Assistant Head