

Knights Templar Community Church School & Nursery

"Be the best you can be with a zest for living, a thirst for learning and a spirit of kindness."

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Are you entitled to additional funding for your child?

Did you know that the school may be able to access additional funds to support your child through their education? This funding is called 'Pupil Premium' and if your child is eligible it can be used:

- To provide extra classroom support and resources*
- To provide some financial support towards class trips*
- To support engagement in extra-curricular activities*

Your child is entitled to this if you as a parent/carer claim any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)*
- 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 guarantee 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 – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit*

If eligible, it is not compulsory for your child to have the hot free school meal each day for them to have the additional pupil premium funding. Also, once entitled, your child is eligible to receive the pupil premium additional funding for the period you are claiming the necessary benefit and for the following 6 years in order to support their learning.

I'm sure you can appreciate therefore how important it is for you to apply if you think you may be eligible especially at a time when the cost of living is so high.

If you are in receipt of any of the above benefits please pick up and complete a form from the school office. It can then be returned to the school office or to the Entitlements Team at County Hall.

Alternatively you can complete it online at: <https://service.somerset.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

If you have any questions regarding this or would like help to complete the form please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Coleman. Any information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and will only be passed onto Somerset County Council for further assessment to your entitlement.