



THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL

Lionheart Educational Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: pupil premium and free school meals

We know that at the moment, with the cost-of-living crisis and rising energy bills, finances are stretched across our community. We wanted to send a reminder to parents that, if you meet the criteria given below, you can register your child for free school meals, and this also means that the school receives extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding is given to schools by the government to help students reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for students who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At The Newbridge School, we get extra funding per pupil premium student, and you can see how this funding is spent on our website, which is linked later in this letter. 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
- Extracurricular costs/clubs

We will shortly be writing to all parents of students who are currently in receipt of pupil premium funding to update them on new initiatives we will be introducing this year to support our students so it is important you register for free school meals if you are eligible, even if your child won't be using them.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance



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- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- 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)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Students who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways and it is something that benefits our school community.

How do I register?

You only need to register once - please follow the information provided on our website:

<https://newbridge.org.uk/about-us/services/free-school-meals/>

Breakfast Club

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that The Newbridge Diner is open from 08:15am every morning and free toast is available for all students. It is important that students eat breakfast and we commit to this as we know how much value it holds - we hope this also helps to support with morning routines.

More information

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact your child's Pastoral Mentor initially.

Best wishes,

Connor Acton
Assistant Headteacher and Pupil Premium Lead