



South Gosforth First School

'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium schemes run by the Government for schools.

For every pupil registered for these schemes at our school, we could receive a maximum of £2300 per pupil. This additional money could make a real difference to the quality of the education we offer here at South Gosforth First School such as, providing more interventions to accelerate your child's academic progress, interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills and improve our educational resources.

- Does your child qualify for Free School Meals?
- Has your child been adopted?
- Do you work in the armed forces?
- Does the school know? If not, please tell us.

If the answer is yes to any of the above, and you inform us, we will receive this additional funding. **All information disclosed will be completely confidential.**

What is pupil premium funding?

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

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax credit.
- Working Tax Credit Run-On (the payment you receive for further weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium. **If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because our school would receive the additional pupil premium funding.**

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils 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.

How do I register?

To check if you are eligible and then to register, please follow this link

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals>

Adopted Children

To register, parents and carers must provide evidence, for example, a copy of the legal order or a confirmation letter from the local authority which placed their child. Parents should not need to declare their child's status again until the child changes school. This will be kept confidential.

Service Children

The following criteria is used to register a child as a 'Service' Child:

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- They have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census at any point since 2014
- One of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme
- Pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service are classed as service children

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office.