



Pupil Premium at Hermitage Primary School

The Pupil Premium was introduced by the Government to provide schools with additional funding to help children who may be disadvantaged for particular reasons. At Hermitage, we use this funding in a variety of ways to help ensure that children have access to high quality support or intervention. The more funding school receives, the more support we will be able to offer the children here at school.

There are three main categories of children who qualify as 'disadvantaged' and are eligible for the Pupil Premium. These are:

- Children who are in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM).
- Children who are 'looked after', or have ever been 'looked after' (LAC).
- Children of Armed Forces personnel.

Since 2014, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been able to have a free school meal (Universal Infant Free School Meal- UIFSM) However, it is vital, in order for us to benefit from Pupil Premium, that parents still register with the Cheshire East Free School Meal Team if they meet the criteria below:

- Your family income is less than £16,190 per year.
Or if either parent is in receipt of any benefits listed below:
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (Part 6 of the Asylum Act 1999).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit- as long as your family income is less than £16,190 and you do not claim Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67.

If you are in any doubt please call Cheshire East on 0300 123 5012- They will quickly assess your case and inform school of your eligibility. Other reasons that you may be eligible for Pupil Premium include:

- If a child in your care is 'looked after' by an English Local Authority.
- If your child was ever 'looked after' by an English Local Authority, but has now been adopted, granted a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or residence order.
- If you work for the Armed Forces or your child is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) or the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

Please contact school if you believe your child may be eligible for the Pupil Premium.

Thank you for your continued support from home,

Mr Sproston

Deputy Headteacher