

My child is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant. What happens next?



Parents and carers are contacted by the Pupil Premium Lead at the start of their eligibility for Free School Meals and during the Autumn and Summer Terms of the academic year. The Pupil Premium Lead is

- **Mr Pentney, Assistant Head Teacher**, email crnpentney@chandlersridge.org.uk

To discuss any aspect of your child's experience at school please contact your child's class teacher. You may also wish to contact the school office in relation to the Pupil Premium Grant, as follows:

- Mrs Rees-Grant or Mrs Stangoe, email crbadmin@chandlersridge.org.uk 01642 312741

Privacy Notice

At Chandlers Ridge we are committed to upholding your privacy and treating the information that we handle securely and confidentially. To administer the Pupil Premium Grant effectively your information is shared in the following way:

- Free school meals eligibility is shared with the Department for Education (DfE) via the school census. This is how entitlement to PPG is calculated. The census is pulled from our SIMS database and shared securely with the DfE. For more information please see our Privacy Notice at www.chandlersridge.org.uk/policies.
- Electronic records in SIMS are used for tracking pupil progress—this is a secure database accessed by teaching and administration staff.
- If you choose, the school office can contact the Free School Meals eligibility service run by Stockton Borough Council to check eligibility for you. We will share your name, date of birth and national insurance number with the confidential service, but will not retain these records in school. Parents and carers can contact the service directly if they prefer not to divulge this information to school.
- We will share your child's eligibility for PPG with third party extra curricular activities organisers. This is for payment purposes only.

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Parents & Carers Guide to Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) and Free School Meals (FSM)

Your guide to the pupil premium grant and the free school meals benefit, and how the grant is administered at Chandlers Ridge Academy.

For further information please visit our website

www.chandlersridge.org.uk/pupil-premium

What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is an allowance from the Government given to schools for children who currently access or who have accessed free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or adopted, or have a parent within the armed forces.

What is it for?

The grant is an amount per child and it is intended that schools use this money to close the gap in attainment between pupils and their peers.

How long is the grant paid for?

PPG is paid to schools for six years from the academic year after your child received Free School Meals in school. The grant can move from primary to secondary school. Note that Free School Meal entitlement is an income based benefit and is different from “Universal Free School Meals”, which is where schools receive a grant from the government to pay for school meals for Reception to Year 2.

How to I qualify?

Finding out if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium is simple – please call the Confidential Free School Meals Helpline – 01642 526605 email freeschoolmeals@stockton.gov.uk – they can assess your claim using an eligibility checker to confirm entitlement; if successful your claim will begin the same day. Even if your child already receives a free school meal because they are in Reception, Year One or Year Two, if you are eligible we would ask you to contact the Confidential Free School Meals Helpline as your child can also access the additional financial support outlined above. You can read more about free school meal eligibility here: <http://chandlersridge.org.uk/about-our-academy/confidential-free-school-meals-helpline/>

Does Pupil Premium pay for school meals?

No. Free School Meals is a separate benefit that you must apply for using the Confidential Free School Meals Helpline detailed above. During a claim, if your circumstances change you must report these to the Helpline to avoid a build up of school meal payments owed.

What does the Pupil Premium Grant cover at Chandlers Ridge?

At Chandlers Ridge Academy, we ensure that the Pupil Premium Grant children not only progress academically, but also become more confident, motivated individuals, by providing opportunities for cultural, personal and social development. Money is spent based on the child’s individual needs and interests.

Every year we publish a Pupil Premium Strategy on our website—this details how the school intends to spend the PPG received for the forthcoming academic year. The strategy is based on the needs of the individual pupils eligible for the grant.

In addition to teaching intervention and support, the Pupil Premium Grant is also used to pay for:

- **£50 towards embroidered school uniform per child for each academic year.**

This uniform allowance can be accessed at any time throughout the year according to your child's needs. To order please complete the online form sent to you on ParentMail.

- **All school trips and residentials throughout the academic year.**

These will be paid by school on your ParentMail account. You will need to consent for your child to go on trips and residentials. The school office will send a consent form out on ParentMail. The payment item will appear on ParentMail but do not pay; the school office will subsidise the item when we receive a completed a consent form.

- **One extra curricular activity per term.**

These include Vocalize Musical Theatre, French and Spanish language clubs, keyboard club, Multi Sports and Game of Actual Life. To access these clubs please sign up in the usual way. The clubs provide school with a list of all pupils on their register; we will make arrangements to pay the clubs directly for your child's choice of extra curricular activity.

- **All Friends of Chandlers Ridge discos and Year 6 Yearbook**

These will be paid by school on your ParentMail account. You will need to consent for your child to go to a disco/appear in the Yearbook. The school office will send a consent form out on ParentMail. The payment item will appear on ParentMail but do not pay; the school office will subsidise the item when we receive a completed a consent form.

- **Year 6 Leavers Hoodies and revision guides**

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