

Dove Bank Primary School

Putting Children First



Pupil Premium

2025-2026



Pupil Premium at Dove Bank Primary School

Pupil premium is funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England.

Information can be found here: [Pupil premium - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Free Schools Meals and Pupil Premium Information

Currently, pupils in Years 1 and 2 as well as Reception children all receive free school meals, these are paid by government funding. This provision is called Universal Free School Meals or UFSM.

In addition to this funding, parents in low income families or those that are unemployed can also apply for Pupil Premium funding so that their children can receive free school meals in subsequent school years (Year 3 and onwards). Pupil Premium funding can also give children access to some discounted educational trips and events throughout their school years.

Introduction

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

This additional funding through Pupil Premium allows us to provide an even better education for your child through the purchase of additional resources, or staff to support learning in the classrooms and the staffing of ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) at Dove Bank.

What areas does an ELSA help with?

- Loss and bereavement
- Emotional Literacy
- Self-esteem
- Social Skills
- Friendship issues
- Relationships
- Managing strong feelings
- Anxiety and worries
- Bullying
- Conflict
- Emotional Regulation
- Growth Mindset
- Social and therapeutic stories
- Problem solving

Are you eligible?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you receive any of these:

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 State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

How to apply?

- Send an E-mail to freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk.
- Request an application form on 0116 3055417

Registering is really quick and easy – you can apply online for an immediate answer. If you are eligible, your child's school will be notified within 5 working days.

If you have any problems with applying for this support, please contact our school office on 01530 262371.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.