



## SGS Pegasus School Parent/Carer sharing guide (9)



# Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

You are most welcome to share this with your son/daughter at home if you think it is applicable to do so. At home, you know the vocabulary they will understand and will be able to choose a time to share when you know they are receptive to receiving the information in this guide.

### What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is allocated to local authorities and schools with pupils on roll that are:-

- Pupils recorded as 'Ever 6" free school meals (FSM)
- Looked after children (LAC)
- Post Looked after children (LAC)

### What does "Ever 6" mean?

"Ever 6" pupils are pupils recorded in the school census as those who are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) in the previous six years.

Therefore, even if a pupil is no longer eligible for free school meals or looked after, we receive funding for these pupils if they met this criteria in the past 6 years.



### What do we spend Pupil Premium on?

Our school is able to spend the Pupil Premium, which is additional to the school budget, in a way we think will best address inequalities, bridge the gap for disadvantaged pupils and support the raising of attainment for our pupils. We assure parents that all matters regarding the use of this special fund are treated with discretion and in confidence.

To date we have used some of funding for the following:-

- **Thrive** - The Thrive Approach supports social and emotional development. In particular, the approach equips staff to work in a targeted way with pupils who have struggled with difficult life events to help them re-engage with life and learning.
- **Theraplay** - Theraplay is a pupil and family therapy for building and enhancing attachment, self-esteem, trust in others, and joyful engagement. It helps to regulate the child's behaviour and communicate love, joy, and safety. It helps a child feel secure, cared for, connected and worthy.
- **Mathletics** – This is an online programme aligned to the requirements of the maths national curriculum. It caters for all learning styles and adapts the learning to each pupil.
- **Nessy** - Nessy programs are designed to help pupil of all abilities learn to read, write, spell and type, especially those who learn differently.

We publish our plans for spending Pupil Premium on our website

[www.sgspegasusschool.co.uk](http://www.sgspegasusschool.co.uk)

### Do you qualify for Free School Meals?

**It is really important that all parents whose children are entitled to Free School Meals register that they are eligible, even if their children do not take up the option of a Free School Meal.**

#### **Do you qualify?**

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

- 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 and Customs) that does not exceed £16190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Family Tax Credit.

To apply please go to [www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals)

You can still send a lunch for your child, they do not need to have a free school meal but by registering for Free School Meals this supports the school.

**Please feel free to contact school if you would like further information.**