

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) was introduced by the Coalition Government in 2012 with the aim of addressing the gap between the achievements of children.

Historically, many children who come from families with lower income go on to achieve less well. The

PPG for 2016/17 is approximately £1300 for every primary school child from a family on a lower income.



If you have any queries or concerns, I am more than happy to meet with you to discuss the Pupil Premium Grant in more detail or help with your application.

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**CALLING ALL PARENTS...**

**You may be eligible for free school meals and not realise!**

**Please read this carefully and find out.**

**NEW...**A new Citizen Portal has been launched to help you find out if your child qualifies for free school meals, whichever year group they are in.

**[Please visit to sign up, even if your child is in Early Years \(Tigers/ Elephants\), Year 1 \(Polar Bears/ Rhinos\) or Year 2 \(Leopards/ Penguins\).](#)**

In doing so you will help us to find out whether we can claim pupil premium for your child. This is additional funding to spend on resources such as extra staff, books or school trips for eligible children.

The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a Smartphone or hand-held device. If you qualify, you will receive a reference number that you simply bring in and show to us at school to start receiving meals. Please register at : [https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE](https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortalLIVE)

Last year, we received approximately £70,000 in Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) which has provided the school with Learning Mentor support, additional interventions delivered by qualified teachers from Year 1 to Year 6, language support for children who English is not their first language and additional lunchtime support. We have also bought specialist resources to help children at school.

At Willen, children who are entitled to PPG receive support in paying for extra-curricular clubs and trips and visits, including residential trips in Year 5 and 6 where partial payment can be funded through PPG.



We have had very few applications for the Pupil Premium Grant from Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents this year and I'm writing to you to let you know how important the PPG is to us at Willen. It is guaranteed for this financial year and we hope that the Government will continue to support our schools.

Last year proved quite confusing, however the new on-line portal is much more simple and quick to complete. However, if you do have any questions at all - please ask!

We treat all information you give us in school confidentially; it is shared only on a 'need to know' basis and we ensure that all children are treated fairly when letters are sent out requesting money.