

23rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As circumstances change, we wanted to highlight additional funding which some parents/carers may not be aware of. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'.

The Pupil Premium is a government scheme that provides funding to schools for the specific purpose of boosting attainment of pupils from low-income families. This funding supports schools to meet the needs of students. Schools may use the funding to support students through additional staffing, targeted interventions or through the purchase of additional resources which benefit students. For example, the purchase of a Chromebook or contributions towards branded school uniform items or school trips that support the Curriculum.

1. How does it work?

First, check if you qualify– it is not just if you are unemployed. Your child may be eligible for additional support if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)

Or if your child:

- Is currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales
- Has left care in England or Wales through an Adoption Order, a Special Guardianship Order, or a Child Arrangements Order.

What happens if your financial situation changes? Your child's school will continue to receive the funding for the next six years.

Children of Service Personnel can also apply to the school for what is known as the Service pupil premium (SPP)

- The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the Service pupil premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant.

- State schools, academies and free schools in England, which have children of service families in school years reception to year 11, can receive the SPP funding. It is designed to assist the school in providing the additional support that these children may need.

Eligibility criteria:

Pupils attract SPP if they meet one of the following criteria -

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service), or in the armed forces of another nation and are stationed in England.
- They have been registered as a 'service child' on a school census since 2019.
- One of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a
- pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.

Children must be noted on our system as a service child ahead of the autumn school census deadline. Service parents should make the school aware of their status by talking to the head teacher or school admin staff.

In addition, from the start of the 2026-27 academic year, more children may be eligible for a free school meal only (without additional pupil premium support) through the Expanded FSM eligibility programme. Pupils may qualify for this if their parents are in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned household income of more than £7,400

2. Registering

Registering is quick and easy, please fill out the google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczQkZgy94I-ZmHSQJ_gcm2Arq30I2WxRgdZ1QpSEoLWZP_bw/viewform

No one else will know you have registered, and it will not affect any other benefits that you may be claiming.

If your child already receives one of these benefits at school, there is no need to reapply.

In order for our school to receive any eligible funding this year we will require completed applications by no later than **24th September 2026**.

If you are unsure whether you have already applied for Pupil Premium, or have any other questions please send an email to tim.brown@mandeville.school for Pupil premium or victoria.price@mandeville.school for Free School Meals.

With best wishes.

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