



Support for Students Who Get Free School Meals



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How Does Free School Meals Work?



£3.15 is added to eligible student accounts each day. This can be used at any of the food tills in school. Students can spend the money over break and lunch or all in one go. If a student does not spend all the money on one day, the remaining money goes over until the end of the week where any remaining money is removed.

For example if the child spends £2.50 on a Monday 50p rolls over and they will have £3.50 on the Tuesday to spend. Any remaining money at the end of the week is removed.

Please note any carry over cannot be used before 8.30am when the system refreshes. If your child requires breakfast, free porridge is available.

If you wish to further top up their account then this is released into the account when all of the FSM money has been used.



Targeted Free School Meals

For those who have low income under £7400 per year, they will be eligible for additional school support known as the Pupil Premium Grant.

For these children, schools receive additional funding - a lump sum of money. It is up to the school how this funding is spent. It is not ringfenced or a pot just for your child. Pupil Premium Grant is to be used by school to ensure that all students have an equal access to the curriculum and make progress academically and socially to prepare them for their next steps.

Where children are identified as being targeted FSM, The Grange is happy to support your child with the following using the Pupil Premium Grant:

- School Uniform – essential branded items such as blazer, tie, skirt, kameez and PE Kit.
- Stationery – a full pencil case of equipment including maths set and calculator



- Equipment such as food for Food Tech lessons
- Text and revision books for GCSE study
- DEAR time books are available to borrow from the school library



If you need any support or questions regarding these day-to-day items, please talk to your child's form teacher who will support with accessing these.

In addition to the day-to-day items above we are also able to either fully or partially financially support the following:

- Music lessons



- School visits where they are linked to the school curriculum, GCSE, or it is expected that the whole year group will attend (such as Year 7 pantomime)



- Duke of Edinburgh programme



Families are also eligible to access the [HAF \(holiday activity and food\) programme](#).

Expanded Free School Meals - All families who are in receipt of universal credit should be eligible for Expanded Free School Meals. There are no additional funds from the Pupil Premium Grant.

The school will support all families, both targeted and expanded Free School Meals by prioritising:

- Access to booking parents evening appointments.
- Mentoring support
- Academic interventions

We use some of our Pupil Premium Grant to increase capacity of support staff to enable us to do this.



If you have any questions about how we spend our Pupil Premium Grant please do look on our website [Pupil Premium - The Grange School](#) or contact Miss Brown or Mrs Jackson.