

If your child is eligible for free school meals but you have not completed a form because your child is in Reception /Key Stage 1 or chooses to bring a packed lunch, please ask at the school office for a form. The school will receive funding that can be used to help your child!

You can register for free school meals if your family income is less than £16190.

Our academy receives Pupil Premium funding from the Government to help us support Free School Meal children and other children with specifically identified disadvantages. At Holmbush Primary Academy our Pupil Premium funding is used to overcome the main barriers to educational achievement through the following key areas:

Academic interventions aimed at developing basic skills

These include:

- Reading Recovery teacher to support 1:1 reading in KS1
- Reading Recovery teacher to support phonics in KS1 including taking a targeted 'Phonics Group' in KS1
- FFT - 1:1 Reading / Writing intervention delivered by a trained TA
- Specific spelling interventions for identified children
- Numbers Count Teacher to support 1:1 and small group teaching in maths in KS1 and 2
- Numbers Count teacher to provide Snap Units / individualised programmes for children where areas are identified
- Numbers Count teacher to lead in whole school maths raising standards specifically working with identified year groups
- Number Counts Teacher to teach specific Year groups
- 1st Class at Maths 1 and 2 / Success @ Arithmetic - Small group interventions delivered by a trained TA in KS1 and 2
- 1:1 and small group S&L interventions delivered by a specifically trained TA led by NHS
- Private S&L therapist screening in Reception and specific individual children
- Private Educational Psychologists assessments

Pastoral Interventions to support self-esteem and emotional well-being

These include:

- Counsellor sessions
- Learning Mentor to support children's emotional needs either 1:1 or in small groups
- Social Skill Groups delivered by Learning Mentor
- Lego Therapy Groups
- PSHE sessions in class, small groups or 1:1

Learning and Enrichment opportunities, projects and visits

These include:

- Talk for Writing project
- After school clubs
- Local visits
- Theme days
- Competitive sporting events
- Residential Trips
- Locality Enrichment Workshops

Parental Support

These include:

- Maths Learning Share
- Parent Gym
- Key Worker allocated to each Pupil Premium child

Promotion Good Attendance

These include:

- Attendance trophie awarded each week to the class with the best attendance
- Continuous monitoring of attendance
- Phone calls, letters, meetings, fines, A6 referrals

We measure the impact of these funds to ensure that children who are eligible for Pupil Premium are making improved progress