



Davenant Foundation School

Nurturing, Mind, Body & Spirit

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Dear Parents/Carers

Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium (PP)

Might your child be eligible for Free School Meals?

We encourage all families to apply for FSM if they think they are eligible, even if they do not intend to take up the free meal. This is because a successful application automatically provides Pupil Premium funding so you would also receive help towards the cost of certain trips, activities and resources.

For further information and/or to apply, please visit Essex County Council's website: [Free school meals: Apply for free school meals | Essex County Council](#).

The criteria to receive FSM are set by central government and an award can only be provided where a parent/carer/child receives any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income of below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with an income of £7,400 or less

Free School Meals

FSM provides £2.50 per day, which covers a "meal deal" at lunchtime for **food only**, not drinks. **Anything else purchased** at any other time or in excess of £2.50 is **paid for by you** via ParentPay.

We operate a cashless catering system which means that the school simply tops up the ParentPay account of a child entitled to FSM who can then use the canteen in the same way as other students. Please see the Biometric Information Leaflet for more details of our system.

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Pupil Premium

The school use PP funds to help towards the cost of curriculum trips, activities, music tuition, etc. and to provide additional tutoring and mentoring. Full details of how we spend PP is available on our website.

If you have indicated that your child is currently in receipt of either FSM or PP, we will contact you to obtain some additional information to ensure that they continue to receive this benefit once they move schools. Please be assured that this information is managed sensitively.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss FSM or PP in more detail, please email reception@davenant.org who will forward it on as necessary.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs J Dennison
Deputy Headteacher