Dear parent/carer,

Re: Pupil premium and free school meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Kibworth Mead Academy we receive an extra amount of money for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Teaching Staff- To employ additional teaching staff to offer additional intervention in English and Maths to improve attainment.
- Coaching/Mentoring – To provide additional support to help students achieve their full potential.
- Student Support – To support pupils' attendance, self-esteem, and attitudes to learning. IT and uniform support.
- Wider Curriculum Experience – To enhance the curriculum and to ensure that all students can participate in all enrichment activities.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Targeted Free School Meals: For families on Universal Credit earning £7,400 or less per year after tax. This tier qualifies students for extra support like Pupil Premium and holiday programs

- Expanded Free School Meals: For families on Universal Credit earning more than £7,400 per year. Students receive a free daily meal, though it doesn't include extra disadvantage funding metrics like Ever 6

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways. Pupils receiving free school meals can buy a 'meal deal' each day with their allowance, consisting of a hot main meal or sandwich and a drink or dessert.

Can I use some of the funding to pay for extracurricular opportunities?

Yes – we will aim to support all pupil premium students by removing the funding barrier which may prevent access to school trips and extra-curricular opportunities. We will aim to support students by potentially reducing trip costs – please contact Mr. Stanton mstanton@kibworth-tmet.uk for further information. By withdrawing theses financial barriers, we will aim to provide students with opportunities of cultural enrichment and educational provision.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please use link below:

Free School Meals | Leicestershire County Council

https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.
Pupil Premium - Kibworth Mead Academy | Leicester | TMET (kibworth-tmet.uk)

If you have any questions or specific concerns including language support, please contact Mr. M Stanton who will be able to support further using the email mstanton@kibworth-tmet.uk

Best wishes,

Mr. Stanton

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