



Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

Pupil Premium (PP)

Pupil Premium is funding allocated to schools to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils and schools are not required to spend all of the allocated grant on eligible pupils.

At Keswick School we use the Pupil Premium to support our students with a focus on whole school high quality teaching and learning; targeted support and tuition; and wider pastoral strategies that include attendance, CEIAG and enrichment to ensure Pupil Premium students' progress as well as their peers and achieve their potential. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) recommend that schools particularly focus their pupil premium on supporting high-quality teaching.

Funding is allocated to schools for eligible students as follows:

- Pupils who are eligible for free school meals, or have been eligible in the past 6 years (including eligible children of families with no recourse to public funds) - £1050 paid to school
- Pupils who have been adopted from care or have left care - £2,570 paid to school
- Children who are looked after by the local authority - £2,570 paid to the local authority
- Service Pupil Premium is additional funding for schools, but it is not based on disadvantage - £340 for every pupil with a parent who:
 - is serving in HM Forces
 - has retired on a pension from the Ministry of Defence

This funding is primarily to help with pastoral support. It can also be used to help improve the academic progress of eligible pupils if schools deem this to be a priority.

Free School Meals (FSM)

If you think you might be eligible to apply for free school meals for your child, we advise you to go ahead, as this will mean the school will receive additional funding to support your child's learning, such as contributions towards curriculum trips and school equipment. Information about applications for free school meals can be found on your Local Authority website:

For families residing in the area covered by Cumberland Council please follow this link:

[Cumberland - FSM](#)

For families residing in the area covered by Westmorland and Furness Council please follow this link:

[Westmorland & Furness - FSM](#)

Further information is available on the school website:

<https://www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk/information-for-parents/pupil-premium>