

Pupil Premium eligibility under national FSM changes

A reminder to colleagues about eligibility for Pupil Premium in relation to the national changes to FSM entitlement:

The government guidance says:

Pupil Premium

From September 2026, children who received free school meals during the transitional protection period will be considered an 'Ever6' child and will attract pupil premium funding for their school. This includes pupils who are no longer eligible for free school meals under the new system, or who are eligible for Expanded FSM. These pupils will remain part of the 'Ever6' cohort for 6 years.

The model letter provided on the gov.uk website for schools to use to communicate with parents whose child is no longer eligible for FSM does not mention pupil premium. Schools may want to consider making it clear to parents that their child will continue to attract pupil premium funding for the school for the next 6 years.

Wokingham Schools Hub website page – guidance and documentation for school staff:
[Free school meals](#)

Wokingham Borough Council website page – for parents and carers:
[Free school meals](#)