



ELWORTH C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Important information about additional funding for your child's school – PLEASE READ

Pupil Premium is extra money given to schools to spend on a child's education. For 2024/2025 Elworth CE Primary will receive £1,480 for every child entitled to this extra funding. It is available for children, from Reception to Year 6, who are entitled to a free school meal.

When your child joins a school in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they will automatically be entitled to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) every day – You do not need to apply for UIFSM. Even if your child receives UIFSM, Elworth CE Primary still benefits from your successful Free School Meal application (FSM).

However, parents and carers who are eligible **must** apply for the additional **Pupil Premium** when their child starts school. Your child may be able to get this funding if you get any of:

- 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 are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying)
- Universal Credit - annual household income after tax/benefits of less than £7,400

Please check your entitlement by phoning the helpline below:

- Free School Meals Helpline - 0300 123 5012
- Alternatively you can complete the Free School Meals enquiry form online at http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx

Cheshire East will assess your claim and if successful will begin the same day. If your claim is not successful or requires further information, they will contact you.

For children joining Reception in September 2024 who qualify for Pupil Premium, Elworth CE Primary school can offer additional valuable support to families; such as extra tuition, school trips and after school activities.

If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium, it is really important that you phone or complete the online form to help make sure Elworth CE Primary School is as well funded as possible.

Yours sincerely

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