



Same but Different



Pupil Premium funding and Free School Meals

What is pupil premium funding?

The pupil premium grant is an allocation of funding, in addition to main school funding, which schools receive to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.

Who receives the pupil premium?

The schools receive this funding according to the number of children in specific groups.

Schools receive Pupil Premium funding for:

- all children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM)
- all children who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years
- all children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months by someone other than their immediate family.

A Service Premium has also been introduced for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces, but it is not based on disadvantage.

Am I eligible for free school meals?

Currently all children attending a Bromley maintained primary, infant, or junior school will receive free school meals under the Mayor of London programme. However, in order for your child's school to benefit from the additional Pupil Premium funding it is still necessary for parents in receipt of one or more of the qualifying benefits listed below to complete either an online or paper Free School Meal/Pupil Premium Payment application.

Your child is entitled to Free School Meals if you or your partner (living at the same address) receive one or more of the following:

Universal Credit – with a household income less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)	Support from the National Asylum Support Services (NASS) under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance	Income Support
Income-related Employment and Support Allowance	Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit
Child Tax Credit provided you are 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

You can also receive Free School Meals if you are a pupil receiving a qualifying benefit.

How is pupil premium used at Biggin Hill Primary School?

It has been used:

- to enable Mrs Sargeant (our family liaison and mental health lead) to provide support for families as well as emotional support for the children.
- to fund the Destination Reader programme and training for staff to help raise the standards in Reading across the school.
- to subsidise extra curricular clubs, educational visits and music lessons.

If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals and would like help with applying for it, please speak to either myself or Mrs Sargeant. We are happy to help you with filling in the forms / making the application.

Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Winter Programme

A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5 to 16 in receipt of benefit-related free school meals. Take part in **sport, music, drama, art, cooking and much more** during the 2024 winter holiday. Free, nutritious meals will be provided for each session.

Have fun with your friends, learn new skills, gain confidence and get involved!



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WINTER

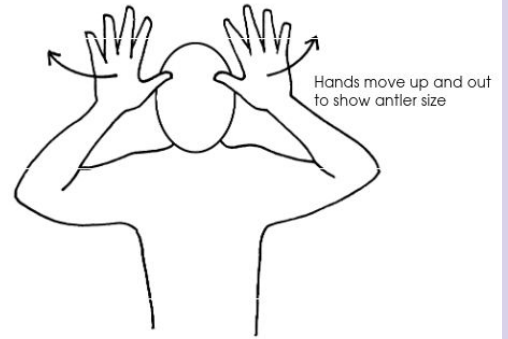
To find out which activities are near you and to sign up please visit:
www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme

Or email
HolidayActivitiesandFood@bromley.gov.uk



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MAKATON
Count down to Christmas



Reindeer

Supporting neurodivergent children at Christmas

The Christmas period can be a very exciting but often stressful time of the year for many neurodivergent children or children with SEND. This could be the case if your child is autistic or has ADHD or a sensory processing disorder.

They may find it hard to adjust to different light, colour, sound, smells, textures and tastes. It might be that their senses become overwhelmed. Changes in routine can also affect how they feel. Planning in advance can help you all adapt and enjoy the festive period.

West Suffolk Neurodevelopmental Support Service have written an article about how to support neurodivergent children at Christmas. For the full article please go to:

<https://family-action.org.uk/self-help/supporting-neurodivergent-children-at-christmas/>

Here is an extract from the article:

Christmas gifts

Christmas presents themselves can bring challenges. The excitement, or sometimes the uncertainty, of what might be under the wrapping paper can be intense. If this is the case, you could add clues on the gift tag, leave a peep hole in the paper or wrap gifts in clear cellophane. And some children might prefer opening gifts quietly or without an audience to minimise any social pressure.

The anticipation of having to 'wait and see' can be tough for some children and young people. In this situation, you might let your child or young person open some presents early, or after Christmas, to reduce the overwhelm on a single day. Always be guided by them.

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mrs Fearon

SENDCo

Weekly Lunch Menus

We will continue sending out weekly menus each Friday afternoon as we feel this is working well for families and keeps this fresh in your inbox!



HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND
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DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

17th December - Preschool Christmas Singalong 2.15pm

17th/18th/19th - Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nativity - 9.15am

18th December - Y3/4/5/6 - Christmas Concert - 2.30pm
Outside event, KS2 Playground

If wet - Y3/4 - 2.00pm, Y5/6 - 2.40pm - KS2 Hall

20th December - Christmas Parties

20th December - last day of term

2025

First day of Spring Term - Monday 6th January 2025

(NO INSET DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS)

15th January - 3S Class Assembly - 9.00am
KS2 hall

22nd January - 6SK Class Assembly - 9.00am
KS2 hall

29th January - 5P Class Assembly - 9.00am
KS2 hall

3rd February - Special Recognition Award assembly - invite only

5th February - 4C Class Assembly - 9.00am
KS2 hall

7th February - Maths/NSPCC Number Day

11th February - Safer Internet Day

12th February - 3G Class Assembly - 9.00am
KS2 hall

13th February - Parent Conferences (pm)

14th February - INSET & Parent Conferences (am)

Headteacher Awards

Caterpillar - Daphne Y-W

Tiger - Paisley P

Elmer - Callie Nye

Chameleon - Eddison M

Crayon - Teddy C

Charlie Cook - Saihoon A

Sofia Valdez - Nellie B

Gregory Cool - Neave W

Chaya - Freya S-V

Ebenezer Tweezer - Theo J

Pevensie - Holly S

Gelifen - Alex E

Fred - Poppy T

Skellig - Keira R

Aspire - Molly L

Congratulations!

Weekly Whole School Attendance 94%

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

No classes

Good attendance
96-97.9%

Chameleon - 96.2%
Gelifen - 96%
Skellig - 96%

Well Done!



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