



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium



What are Free School Meals and Pupil Premium?

The Free School Meals and Pupil Premium initiatives work hand in hand to support children to achieve in school. Free School Meals allow pupils to access a nutritious two course meal and drink. As well as this, School receives extra Pupil Premium funding for every pupil who has been registered for Free School Meals at any time over the last 6 years. This funding goes towards providing extra support, resources and opportunities for our children. It is really important that if you think you are eligible, an application is made.

Who can claim?

Some families are entitled to claim for Free School Meals. Full information is available on the Government website.

Your child may be entitled to funding if any of the following applies:

- If one parent is serving in the regular armed forces.
- Claiming income support
- Claiming income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Claiming income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Receiving the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Claiming 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)
- Claiming Universal Credit

Please claim if you are eligible, even if your child is eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals or will be bringing a packed lunch – there are other advantages for you and the school.

We have included an application form with this information booklet; alternatively, you can pick up a form from the school office or visit <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

Applying is straight-forward, however, if you would like support with filling in the paperwork, please do not hesitate to ask any member of our admin team for help with this. We are aware it's not the most intuitive form!

Universal Infant Free School Meals

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) is a well established scheme which started in September 2014. From this date all pupils in Foundation and Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) were able to have a Free School Meal at lunchtime.

This offer does not depend on household income or benefits- every child is eligible in these year groups!

This decision was taken after a trial by the government showed that pupils who ate a high quality school lunch achieved more than those who did not-the proof really is in the pudding!

The government also says that the introduction of UIFSM in the pilot areas found that in these areas, there was a 'levelling effect', as the scheme ensured equal access to a healthy and good quality meal regardless of differences between pupils.

For some pupils, health benefits were associated with having a balanced meal; benefits included more energy, concentration and alertness, and improved complexion.

Parents also appreciated saving the cost of school meals which is currently £2.35 per meal at Ellistown Primary School, that's a saving of £446 per academic year!

At Ellistown Primary School our meals are made on site by Dolce Catering, school meals have never been more popular. They have a varied three week menu, choices are booked and paid for in advance online via the School Grid website. This empowers children, supported by their adults, to make healthy choices about their meals. We encourage all children to have a school dinner in reception and usually have 100% take up.



What does our Pupil Premium Money fund?

At Ellistown Primary School our Pupil Premium Funding is used to provide a range of support not only for our pupils but for our families. The following few pages detail some of the ways that Pupil Premium funding has been used to support children and families in the past. Each year, we set out a plan of how the money will be spent across the school, with the needs of the current children and their families in mind. This can be found on the school website.



- ⇒ Every child provided with a free carton of milk a day
- ⇒ Children provided with a snack at break
- ⇒ Financial support towards Residential visits
- ⇒ Funded school trips
- ⇒ Targeted interventions
- ⇒ 1-1 tuition
- ⇒ Enriching visits
- ⇒ After school clubs
- ⇒ Reading support
- ⇒ Sports activities
- ⇒ Lunchtime clubs
- ⇒ Additional Year 6 high school transition support where needed
- ⇒ Bespoke provision and support provided by Support Staff on a circumstantial basis.
- ⇒ Access to pastoral support
- ⇒ Personal ipad in KS2

Extra Curricular Clubs

A wide variety of clubs are run after school by staff, including sports clubs (tag rugby, tennis, basketball, netball...) academic clubs such as our times tables superstars, and our hugely popular forest club. Last year our year six children took part in a citizenship club, which involved a trip out to a forest school with hotdogs and activities, wombling around our village and an art workshop facilitated by a local artist, where the children created mindfulness



Lunchtime Clubs

The Pastoral Team and the Lunchtime Supervisors offer a variety of lunchtime activities. These change depending on the season and range from gardening to board games. There's also a variety of outdoor games arranged by older pupils who have trained to be sports ambassadors or Play coaches.



Targeted interventions and 1-1 support

We are able to offer both emotional and academic support to our pupils, whatever best suits their needs, whether this is 1-1 and/or small group support. These are often planned sessions that we use to target and identify needs and further nurture our pupils.

Milk and snack at break

Healthy body means a healthy mind! To support this we provide all of our pupil premium children with a carton of milk at break times.

All key stage 1 children across the country receive fruit and we hope to introduce a tuck shop for our key stage 2 children.

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

Breakfast club

Previously, we have been able to offer an invitation to groups of children, which is rotated throughout the year.

Breakfast club historically caters for 6-8 children from all year groups on an invite only basis. We start breakfast club at 8.30am and enter through the playground at the kitchen door. During breakfast club we have time to eat our breakfast, talk with friends and play some fun games. Just before the bell goes for the start of school we go out onto the playground to line up with our class and walk in as usual with the teacher.

We hope to be able to offer this provision later this year.

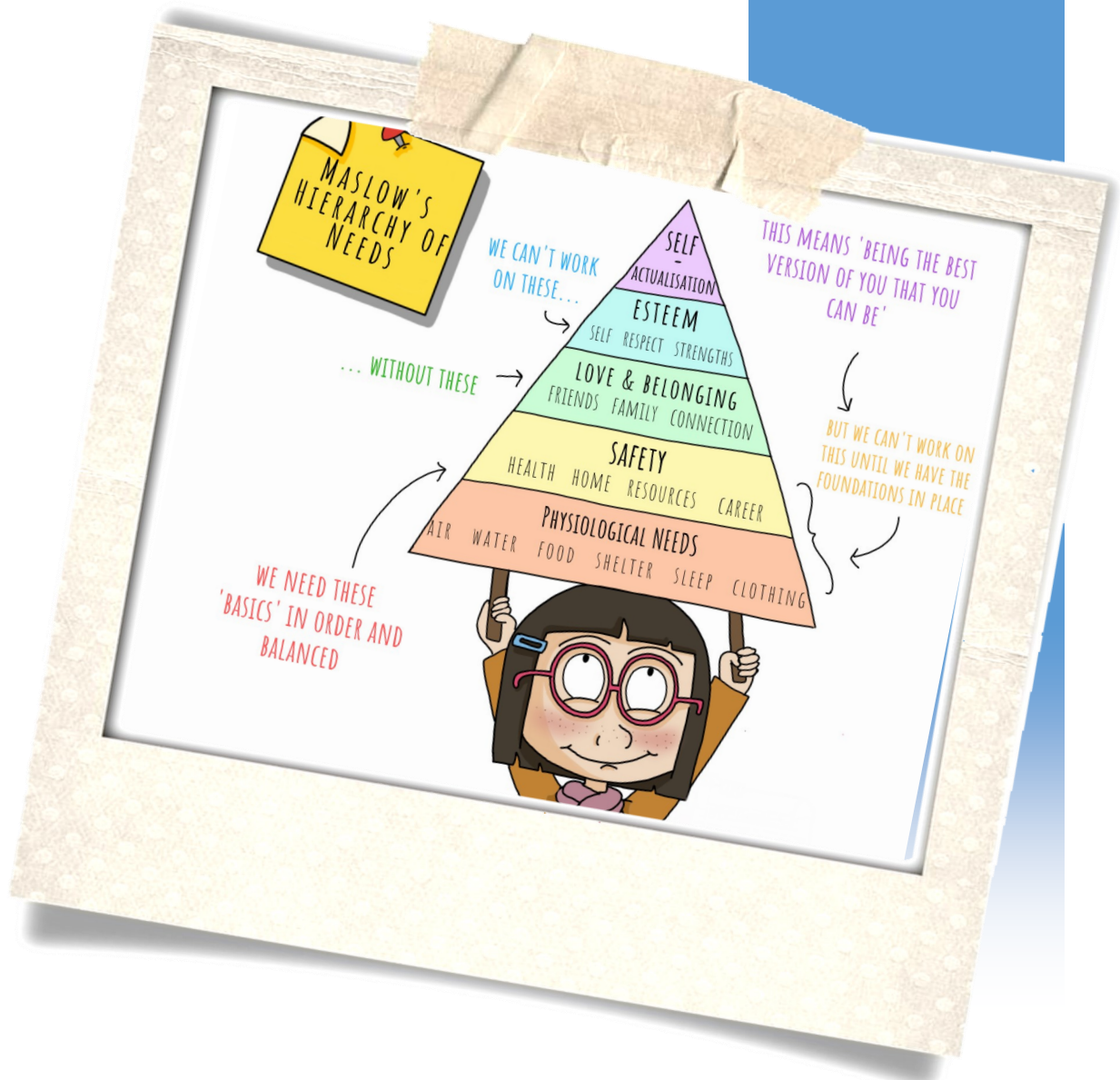


Help and Advice

Staff at Ellistown are always willing to lend an ear to any concerns or problems.

The Pastoral team is made up of our Head Teacher Mrs Fellows, Assistant Head Mrs Davies, our SENCo Mrs Armstrong and our ELSA Mrs Parker. are more than happy to help wherever possible; we are also happy to liaise and refer to any other support that you or your child might need, whether that be the class teacher or the school nurse, we can point you in the right direction.

To ensure we can dedicate our time, appointments can be booked for face to face meetings or a request for a phone call or email can be made if that suits better.



What is ELSA?

An ELSA is an **Emotional Literacy Support Assistant**. An ELSA has been specially trained by educational psychologists to support the emotional development of children and young people in school. ELSAs have regular professional supervision from educational psychologists to help them in their work.

Examples of things covered on the course are social skills, emotions, bereavement, coping strategies, self-concept and self-esteem and counselling skills such as solution focus and friendship.



Hi! I am an ELSA! My role involves being part of the Pastoral Team . This includes supporting our pupil premium children and their families.

Mrs Parker

Financial support for trips

Each year group is offered the opportunity to attend an educational class trip during the academic year and a theatre key stage trip at Christmas time. All class trips are funded for our Pupil Premium children.

Previously we have been able to offer the opportunity to go on residential trips. Year 3/4 have been to Beaumanor Hall and take part in lots of fun activities including, canoeing, climbing and den building. Our year 5/6 residential trip was to London where they get the opportunity to visit sights and even see a West End show! Help towards the cost is available for Pupil Premium children.

Instalment plans are



Moving on up

The end of every academic year can be very bitter-sweet, our year 6's who as wide eyed 4 year olds entered our school gates, will leave us for new adventures at high school as blossoming young adults. We know that the prospect of this for some is very exciting but for others can be quite daunting. Therefore, every year after SAT's we run 'moving on up groups'. Although these can be accessed by any pupil we feel may need extra support, we do put an emphasis on making sure our children in receipt of Pupil Premium are ready to make the move. We liaise closely with staff at our feeder High Schools.







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