

Pupil Development Grant

Children eligible for free school meals can get a Welsh Government Grant when they are entering:

- Reception class of a primary school in September 2020
- Year 3 of primary school in September 2020
- Year 7 of a secondary school in September 2020
- Year 10 of a secondary school in September 2020
- Pupils in special schools, special needs resource bases and pupil referral units who are aged 4 or 11 in September 2020

Learners in the category below will also qualify for £125 per child.

- Looked after children of compulsory school age but they must attend school in Powys.
- Elective Home Education learners

Qualifying Children entering Year 7 can receive up to £200 to help with additional costs of starting secondary school.

The scheme was extended in March 2021 to include the following year groups:

- Year 1, Year 5, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11 of school in September 2020

£125 per eligible pupil.

Powys staff will check all current free school meal awards to establish if each child is eligible for the grant payment. New free school meal applications will also be checked for grant eligibility.

Not every child receiving free school meals is eligible for the grant.

If your child is transferring to a school outside Powys, please apply to the authority that maintains the school.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, but are not currently claiming, please complete a [free school meal application form here](#).

For further enquiries please call 01597 827462 (please note we will not take bank details over the phone).

The fund will cover school uniform, other clothing worn at school such as sports kits, equipment for out-of-school-hours trips (including outdoor learning) and equipment for activities within the curriculum such as design and technology.

The scheme has recently been extended to include the purchase of IT equipment, laptop and tablet only, where the school is unable to loan equipment to the family.

This extension to the current scheme was announced on 5th March 2021 and will run until the end of June 2021.

Only one grant per academic year can be awarded.

[Pupil Development Grant - Access: Application Form](#)

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/3758/School-meals-and-clothing-grants>