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Pupil development grant (PDG)

Dear families,

When it comes to the cost of living, making sure you claim all the financial help and support you are entitled to can make a huge difference. I am writing to you to make you aware of some money that you may be entitled to as you have at least one child in receipt of free school meals at a school in Wrexham. The Welsh Government funded Pupil Development Grant is available to help towards the costs of a child's school uniform and equipment. Children whose families are on lower incomes and qualify for certain benefits (linked to existing eligibility criteria for free school meals) can apply for the grant of **£225 per learner**, and £300 for those learners entering year 7, recognising the increased costs associated with starting secondary school.

The grant is paid by BACS transfer to your bank account and can be used to pay towards the cost of:

- school uniform
- school sports kit
- uniform for wider activities (for example sports, scouts and guides)
- equipment (such as school bags and stationery)
- specialist equipment where new curriculum activities begin (such as design and technology)
- equipment for out of school hours trips (such as waterproofs for outdoor learning)
- laptop or tablet device

Only one application needs to be made per family, if needed you can add multiple children to the same application (duplicate submissions may delay the processing of your grant). Any child eligible for free school meals, attending school in Wrexham, and in the following year groups is eligible for the grant:

- Entering reception class in primary school
- Entering school years 1 to 11
- In a special school, special needs resource base or pupil referral unit and are aged 4 to 15

All looked after children are also eligible, regardless of their free school meals status. If it has been over 12 months since you were last assessed for free school meals, (or your circumstances have changed) you will need to reapply for free school meals first, you can do this following the link [here](#).

Pupils who receive Free School Meals due to transitional protection arrangements do not qualify for this funding.



Wrexham County Council are currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year (based on the year group your child entered in September 2022) **until December 31, 2022.**

To make an application please follow this link [Pupil Development Grant \(PDG\) | Wrexham County Borough Council](#) if you have any further queries about this please contact uniformgrant@wrexham.gov.uk.

Regards,

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