Increase Your Pupil Premium Funding

with the Link2ICT Online Free School Meals Eligibility Checking Service

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The Link2ICT Online Free School Meals Eligibility Checking Service provides an online form, accessible through any device, which enables parents, carers or schools on their behalf to check their eligibility for FSM and therefore Pupil Premium funding.

By linking to the Department for Education’s (DfE) Eligibility Checking Service (ECS), the Link2ICT Online Free School Meals Eligibility Checking Service:

- Offers a faster, simpler, and more convenient application process
- Delivers fast response of the notification of entitlement
- Reduces application errors through computer assisted validation
- Removes the need for reapplication where eligibility continues
- Removes potential stigma as parents can apply direct
- Saves administrative time - no more manual form filling and copying of documentation
- Encourages reluctant parents to register for FSM entitlement allowing your school to maximise funding through Pupil Premium

To date, over 2,000 schools around the UK are using the service and we would be happy to discuss how you too could increase your Pupil Premium funding.

How schools can boost their Pupil Premium

Percy Shurmer Academy has been using this service provided by Link2ICT since September 2014 and has immediately noticed the difference.

They gained an additional 19 pupils who are eligible, amounting to an extra £24,700 in Pupil Premium. After the initial set up of the system, Percy Shurmer Academy has now reduced admin time and their records are 100% accurate. Any subsequent changes are picked up by the system as it makes regular automatic updates, ensuring all records are consistently up to date.

Contact Link2ICT today on 0121 303 5100 or email info@link2ict.org for more details.
Since introducing the Link2ICT Online Checking Service, the free school meals administration process has become much more streamlined. It has reduced the amount of work required as claimants no longer have to provide benefits evidence.

Also, the system regularly checks that claimants are still eligible and informs us if their circumstances change.

*Clacton Coastal Academy*

We have found the service provided by Link2ICT invaluable in keeping the eligibility of Free School meals entitlement up to date. It is a quick and user-friendly system that’s easy for both parents and admin staff to access and use.

We particularly like the way the system checks pending files and notifies us of changes.

*Streetly Academy*
Benefits data suggests **1.4m (21%) of children, aged 4-15 in England** are entitled to Free School Meals

= **£2b Pupil Premium funding**

Benefits data also suggests that **200,000 pupils are eligible that are not applying**

= **£264m of unclaimed Pupil Premium**