



# Essentials GRANT

The Welsh Government School Essentials Grant helps to fund a child's school uniform and equipment, plus items for outside school activities, where families are on low incomes.

The grant provides assistance to families on lower incomes for the purchase of:

- School uniform, including coats and shoes
- School sports kit, including footwear
- Uniform for enrichment activities, including but not limited to, scouts; guides; cadets; martial arts; sports; performing arts or dance
- Equipment, e.g school bags and stationary
- Specialist equipment where new curriculum activities begin, such as design and technology
- Laptops or tablets
- Equipment for out of school hour's trips, such as outdoor learning e.g waterproofs.

Who is eligible?

Pupils eligible for free school meals can receive this funding for the September 2023-2024 school year, if, in September 2023, they are:

- entering reception class or years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 of maintained primary schools

Funding is also available to all looked-after children of compulsory school age, irrespective of Free School Meals entitlement.

Pupils with no recourse to public funds entering the above years in the 2023-2024 school year are also entitled to assistance under this funding.

A payment of £125 will be made per pupil in all qualifying school years with the exception of pupils entering Year 7, who will each receive a payment of £200.

Pupils who receive free school meals due to transitional protection arrangements or as part of the universal primary free school meal scheme do not qualify for this funding.

If you feel that you would qualify for the School Essentials Grant please visit and apply on the link below:

<https://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Schools-Education/Schools/School-uniform.aspx>

There's still time to check eligibility and apply for this year's funding now before applications close on 31 May.