

Best Start Grant School Age Payment - Update

9,000 applications for the new Best Start Grant School Age Payment have been received since it was launched on 3 June.

This means we are increasing the incomes of families who need it and helping them meet some of the costs associated with their child starting school.

You'll know through your own work and Child Poverty Action Plans the benefits that this £250 payment can bring. Whether it's used for buying some new shoes and clothes for their first day at school, paying for a play club so they can join their friends, enjoying a family day out or other activities. The payment has the potential to make a real difference to a child.

We want to make sure everyone who is eligible applies, so are keen that people know about the payment, especially ahead of the school holidays. So please let me know if you would like any more information or if it would be helpful for me to come out and meet with your teams and wider colleagues.

We'll also have some posters available for your use to help promote the Best Start Grant School Age Payment, as well as the materials on our [stakeholder kit](#). So if you'd like some please let me know as I am here to help.

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