

20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. By applying for Free School Meals you are supporting the academy by enabling us to access this additional funding to benefit our children.

With this money we have been able to offer additional intervention strategies which benefits our children.

### ***How does it work?***

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy by clicking on this link which will take you directly to Devon County Council website where you can apply for Free School Meals  
[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live) Alternatively you can call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will receive the free meal (saving more you more than £400 a year) in Key Stage 2. All Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a meal through Universal Free School Meals.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, our academy still receives an extra £1300.

***No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you may be claiming.***

If your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and you think you may be entitled to Income Based Free School Meals then the registration for Free School Meals need to be completed in order for our academy to get the additional funding.

### **Pupil Premium and children adopted from care**

Schools in England can also receive the pupil premium for children adopted from care or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO). Schools can also claim the pupil premium for children who left care under a Residence Order (RO).

To enable our academy to claim the pupil premium for adopted children please inform the office and provide support evidence. Please be reassured that all information about your child will be treated in strictest confidence.



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***Please talk to us about registering your child today.***

Yours sincerely

*Mrs Edwards*

Mrs J Edwards

Head of Academy

**Do you qualify?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits :-

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Employment and support allowance (income related)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

***Please note:***

- *Contributions Based Employment & Support Allowance, contributions based Jobseekers Allowance and Working Tax Credit do not qualify*
- *Please note - if you are in receipt of any Working Tax Credit you will not be eligible to apply for free school meals*
- *Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals*