

# Free School Meals

FREE nutritious meals are Available for your child(ren)

## Are You Eligible?

To register please complete the boxes below and hand to Reception or General Office

For information on why you should apply please see overleaf

<b>Parent/Carer Full Name:</b>		
<b>Parent/Carer's Date of Birth:</b>		
<b>National Insurance Number or Asylum Support Reference Number:</b>		
<b>Child(rens) Name(s)</b>		

For eligibility criteria please see overleaf

**Declaration:**

I confirm that the details supplied are correct and agree that the school can use the information provided to process my claim for free school meals by contacting Babcock 4S, who will check entitlement via a secure government website.

I understand that I am responsible for informing the school immediately if I stop receiving one of the qualifying benefits and that my child(ren) may not be entitled to receive free school meals.

By signing this form I am confirming that I have read and fully understood the above declaration.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**N.B. This form must be signed by the person who is in receipt of the qualifying benefit.**

## Reasons to apply for Free School Meal status

- entitles your child(ren) to a free nutritious lunch at school
- benefits the whole school to access government funding. For more information on Pupil Premium visit our website [http://smmacademy.org/home/page/what\\_is\\_pupil\\_premium](http://smmacademy.org/home/page/what_is_pupil_premium)
- helps you access funding for certain school trips
- please apply even if receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals eg *Reception – Year 6*

This form should only be completed by a Parent (or Carer) living with the child, with parental responsibility and is the main benefit claimant in the household. Return it to the school office and we will inform you whether eligibility has been verified.

Free School Meal status is treated discretely and as a cashless school our lunch tills simply pay for FSM lunches automatically rather than from your ParentPay account.

<b>Eligibility Criteria for Free school lunches</b>
Parents do not have to pay for school lunches if they receive any of the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Income Support</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue &amp; Customs) that does not exceed £16,190</li><li>• If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do not qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit</li></ul>

Children who receive any of the qualifying benefits listed above in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals.