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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: pupil premium and free school meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we want to encourage you to register them.

Why register for free school meals?

Children who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them if you prefer them to have packed lunches.

But registering is still really important because for every child registered for free school meals, the school gets more funding from the government.

For every pupil registered for free school meals, the school gets an extra **£1,050** through 'pupil premium' funding.

You can find more information about pupil premium on our website at [pupil premium | Search Results](#). You can also see what we have spent it on in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year. For example, we have previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Targeted literacy & numeracy support including 1:1 & small group interventions
- Mentoring programmes to help students achieve aspirational outcomes
- Engagement with the National Tutoring Programme
- Enhancing the quality of teaching and curriculum planning through high quality CPD
- Whole school focus on the teaching of literacy across the curriculum
- Implementation of Mathematics Mastery Approach
- Development of our CEIAG offer (careers)
- Development of The Derby Diploma

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income that does not exceed £16,190 and you are not claiming Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



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How do I register?

[If your child qualifies for free school meals and you don't receive them now you can apply by:

- filling out a form at www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
- ringing on 0161-253-5858 to complete over the phone

If you live outside Bury Council's area you will need to contact your local council to claim free school meals.

Learn more about free school meals:

- on Bury Council website at www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
- telephone Bury Council on 0161 253 5858
- e-mail Bury Council at: freeschoolmeals@bury.gov.uk

More information

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Mrs Kate Jones (Office Manager) on the following email address: info@thederbyhighschool.co.uk

You can also find more information at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

Kind regards

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