



STUDLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

We have received a few enquiries recently about how to apply for free school meals for your child. As a result of this I wanted to clarify the situation and process relating to eligibility for free school meals at secondary school.

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income support
- Income-based job seeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-cased and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the Income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

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How do I register?

It is a simple process to apply for free school meals for your child if you meet the required eligibility criteria. You should apply to Warwickshire County Council at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> or telephone 01926 359189.

The online checking system only confirms or denies your eligibility to claim free school meals, it does not give us any other information.

When your eligibility has been confirmed and your application processed, you will be sent an email confirming eligibility. The school will also receive notification of your child's application.

The online checking system will continuously check your eligibility status and inform you and the school of any changes.

Applying for free school meals ensures children can access high quality food through the canteen every day and also provides an extra £935 into the school budget to support pupils receiving free school meals. We currently receive in the region of £100,000 a year extra funding as a result of families taking the benefit they are entitled to.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Gray', written in a cursive style.

Mr L Gray
Headteacher