



Swindon Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Pupil Premium

Does your child receive Free School Meals? If not, do you think they may be eligible? Parent(s)/Carer(s) could **save up to £399** every year by signing up for Free School Meals!

The government has recently changed the way school funding is calculated with the introduction of a “**pupil premium**”. This essentially means that the more students at the academy who register for Free School Meals, the more money we will receive to spend on all of our students. For each student who applies for Free School Meals, the Academy receives £488!

We would love to provide as many exciting opportunities for our students as possible but to do this we need your support! If you are entitled to claim Free School Meals, please register your entitlement. This does not commit your child to having a school lunch every day but **just registering** will mean the academy will receive the pupil premium for your child.

You are eligible to apply for Free School Meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

You can apply by completing an application form available from the Academy. For more information please visit www.direct.gov.uk

If you have any questions regarding school lunches, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing Catering.Account@swindon-academy.org or by telephoning 01793 426 900.

Yours sincerely,

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