

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Dear Parents/Carers

We are sending this email to all parents and carers of students in the academy to share key information in regard to free school meals and pupil premium.

Your child could be entitled to free school meals if you or your partner receive one of the qualifying benefits listed :-

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed part of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit

If you already receive free meals for a child and just want to add another child, or if you receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support and do not currently claim free school meals, please contact 01744 676666 or email educationbenefits@sthelens.gov.uk

The link below to the St Helens Council website will also allow parent/cares to apply online for free school meals and receive an instant decision.

<https://sthelens.gov.uk/article/1865/Applying-for-free-school-meals>

If your child is eligible for free school meals, the academy will receive extra funding for your child's education when you apply. This funding is called Pupil Premium and the money can be used by the academy to help with the cost of trips and activities and to fund additional staffing to support our students.

Please contact us at the email address below if you would like help with completing your application. We can then arrange a convenient time for you to come to the academy and sit with a member of staff on a computer, who will support you with the process.

contact@thesuttonacademy.org.uk

Kind regards

The Sutton Academy