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Dear Parents/Carers

***Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the Academy gets extra money?***

***Register now to make sure we do not miss out***

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a Pupil Premium.

With this money we could offer more enrichment activities for all our students.

**Please register to make sure your child and others in their class do not miss out.**

### **How does it work?**

- 1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list over the page**
- 2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Ms Julie Edwards at the Academy on (01952) 527700 who will help you to register**
- 3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that is great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £370 a year), extra benefits and the Academy gets extra money**
- 4. If you do not want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the Academy still gets extra funding**

***No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.***

### **Do you qualify?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- 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 you 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

Students can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

**Come and talk to us if you are not sure.**

***Please talk to us about registering your child today.***

**Lady Maria Satchwell**

Headteacher