

Our ref: MGR/DSH

Monday 5th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Did you know that registering your child for Free School Meals means that you could save over £400 per year and the academy gets extra money that can help your child in lessons?

The Government is giving money to schools for children on Free School Meals to help them do their very best - this is known as "Pupil Premium". For every child registered for Free School Meals, Outwood Academy Portland will get £985.

With this money we could add extra support for students in classes, or provide 1 to 1 support where needed. Please register as soon as you can. You can do it yourself online here:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

How does it work?

- First, check if you qualify (list of ways to qualify on the reverse of this letter).
- If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal, as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £985.
- No-one will know you have applied and your child's friends will not know. They will automatically have cash on their account every day. Pupils just use their fingerprint as normal and the cash is waiting to be spent on their meal choice.

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

Please contact the Academy if you require any more information.

Yours sincerely



Mrs D Sheehan
Principal

Free School Meals - Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and you do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

[Link to DfE Free School Meals Guidance](#)