

# Viking Academy Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **IMPORTANT: Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding**

Across all of our Viking Schools, we want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and as much support as we can.

If your child is eligible for *Free School Meals* and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called *Pupil Premium*. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

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's 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**

## **How do I know if my child is eligible?**

Your child may be able to get 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Are a parent in the armed forces

## **'One Childhood, One Chance'**



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## **My child has free school meals anyway, as they are Year R, Year 1 or Year 2 - Why bother?**

For every child awarded Pupil Premium, your school receives **£1,385 each year**, even more in some circumstances. This extra funding makes a huge difference to us but more importantly, to your child and to you.

**Once your child is recorded as Pupil Premium, you will receive discounts on future school trips and activities.**

So please apply – it is worth it for your child’s school and for you!

### **I think I’m eligible - what do I need to do?**

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the eligibility list below.

**Registering is really quick and easy, you can either apply online at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>**

2. If you are unable to complete the form, we can support you - please pop in to your school office and speak to the office team confidentially.

**We will treat your application in the strictest confidence. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.**

### **Will my child’s class know that my child is in receipt of Free School Meals?**

No, absolutely not. Your application for Free School Meals will be treated in the strictest confidence. Only the school office team will be aware of their eligibility but this is only for administration purposes. The information goes no further.

### **Armed Forces Children**

**If you are a parent in the Armed Forces, please contact your school office to make the school aware. For more information on Service Pupil Premium, please see [here](#).**

Yours Sincerely,

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