



Gentleshaw Primary Academy

7th September 2022

Free School Meals and Additional Funding

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you are in receipt of ANY of the benefits or tax credits listed below, your child may be entitled to free school meals and the academy may receive additional funding. It is very important that you apply through the link below as soon as possible if you feel you meet any of the criteria.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you get 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)

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

By registering, your child will not only receive free school meals but the academy will receive additional funding to further impact school life and your child will also receive additional financial support during their time in school. This funding has a positive impact upon your child's provision. If your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and therefore already receives a free school meal, it is still important to apply as the additional funding can be received by the academy. This funding can be applied for during any point during your child's time at school.

The application process is very simple but if you require any further assistance, or for us to do this on your behalf, then please do not hesitate to contact our academy office.

Yours sincerely

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