



Beacon for Life

Dear Parents and Carers

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

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

For every Year 5 or 6 child registered Walton Priory Middle School gets £935, for Year 7 or 8 pupils we get £1320.

With this money we could provide additional learning support for children who need it and purchase much needed classroom resources. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help from the school to pay for school trips and activities.

Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child and others in their class don't 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 on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, please apply online www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £430 a year), extra benefits and the school gets additional funding.
4. 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 the 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:

- J Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- J Income Support
- J Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- J Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- J Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- J The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- J Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- J Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190