



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is Pupil Premium Funding?

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

At Our Lady's High School, we get an extra £935 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer. For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational materials, software and books
- Careers Counselling and after school classes
- Speech and Language Therapy, school trips, and exams revision classes

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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



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- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school. To register, please visit <https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/apply-free-school-meals> or ring Hackney Learning Trust direct on 020 8820 7000

Best wishes,

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