

11th January 2019

Dear Parents

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from families whose combined income is below a certain amount, do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. By applying for Free School Meals you are supporting the academy by enabling us to access this additional funding to benefit our children.

With this money we have been able to offer additional intervention strategies which benefits our children. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also receive help with the cost of your child's Residential trip.

Please register by 16th January 2019

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 by clicking on this link which will take you directly to Torbay Council website where you can apply for Free School Meals <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/fsm/> . If you would rather complete a paper application, these are available from the academy office.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will receive the free meal (saving you more than £400 a year) in Key Stage 2. All Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a meal through Universal Free School Meals.
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, our academy still receives an extra £1300.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you may be claiming.

If your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and you think you may be entitled to Income Based Free School Meals then the registration for Free School Meals need to be completed in order for our academy to get the additional funding. If you need any help or advice about whether you may be entitled, please feel free to contact our Family Support Team.

Pupil Premium and children adopted from care

Schools in England can also receive the pupil premium for children adopted from care or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO). Schools can also claim the pupil premium for children who left care under a Residence Order (RO).



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To enable our academy to claim the pupil premium for adopted children please inform the office and provide support evidence. Please be reassured that all information about your child will be treated in strictest confidence.

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Semmens".

Mrs E Semmens

Head of Academy

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:-

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Employment and support allowance (income related)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please note:

- *Contributions Based Employment & Support Allowance, contributions based Jobseekers Allowance and Working Tax Credit do not qualify*
- *Please note - if you are in receipt of any Working Tax Credit you will not be eligible to apply for free school meals*
- *Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals*