

Free School Meals Pupil Premium

Did you know you may be able to support Aston Academy by simply registering your eligibility to claim free school meals?

How will I be helping to support my school?

Aston Academy can claim additional funding from the Government according to the number of children attending our school who are eligible for free schools meals. This additional funding is called the Pupil Premium and even if your child does not want their free school meal, the additional funding it attracts can benefit them in other ways. For example Pupil Premium funding can be used to subsidise school trips, provide extra resources and employ more staff to help our students. Please see our website where we have published how the Pupil Premium money was used last year.

Can anyone register for free school meals?

Free School Meals are a statutory benefit. You can only register for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits mentioned below.

- Income Support, or
- Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), or
- State Pension Credit (Guaranteed Credit), or
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related) , or
- Child Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs which does not exceed £16,190.00 for 2012/13
- Asylum Seeker status

There is no entitlement to Free School Meals if the parent, receives any Working Tax Credit on a regular basis.

If you believe you are eligible for this allowance, even if you do not wish your child to receive a free meal, we would encourage you to apply for Free School Meals to ensure that your child's school receives this vital funding. Therefore, we urge all eligible families to apply as soon as possible.

What next?

1. If you are eligible and not already claiming free school meals, you will need to fill out an **application** form.

2. On line application form available on the Rotherham Council website

http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/forms/4/free_school_meals 3. Or contact the council on-line for a form to be sent

https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/forms/form/17/benefits_application_request 4. Or by contacting Benefits Service Riverside House Main Street Rotherham S60 1AE