

THE OCKENDON ACADEMY

Mathematics and Computing College

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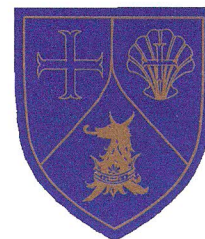
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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Free School Meals/Uniform Grant

The annual school census day is rapidly approaching and we need your help to ensure our data is as accurate as possible. By applying to Free School Meals for your child, if eligible, this could also mean that your child is eligible for help with school trips etc. through opportunity knocks and also entitles the school to a £430 pupil premium per child.

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child is entitled to receive Free School Meals:-

- **Income Support**
- **Income-related** (not contribution based) **Job Seeker's allowance (IBSJA)**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- The **Guarantee** element of the State Pension credit
- **Child Tax Credit** (where there is **No Working Tax Credit**) AND the **total household income**, as assessed by the Inland Revenue does not exceed **£16,190**.
- Financially supported by NASS (National Asylum Support Service)

Children who receive IS or IBSJA in their own right are also entitled to receive Free School Meals.

The academy encourages students to use the 'cashless' smartcard for purchasing meals, drinks and snacks from the academy canteen. Another major advantage is that all free school meal students are automatically given one of these with an entitlement of £1.80 per day. The smartcard is the same for both paying students and free school meals students.

I am enclosing an application form, should you wish to apply for Free School Meals and/or receive a uniform grant please complete and return to the academy's reception. (If you would prefer, members of the academy's admin team are happy to either fill in the form, or assist you in completing it at the academy.)

Once you have completed the form, please bring it in to the academy this will be forwarded the Awards and Benefits department at Thurrock Council, if returned to the academy before 10am a decision can be made on the same day. No evidence is required as long as your national insurance number is on the application form. This could mean immediate access for Free School Meals.

I do hope that should any family qualify they will take full advantage of these benefits.

Yours sincerely

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