



FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY 2017-18

Parents do not have to pay for school lunches if they receive any of the following:

- **Income Support (IS)**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)**
- **Income-related Employment & Support Allowance (IRESA)**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** or
- **the guarantee element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (*provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit*) with an annual gross income [as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs] that does not exceed £16,190.
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- **Universal Credits** (during the initial roll out of the benefit)

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

Working Tax Credit (alone, or with Child Tax Credit) is not a qualifying benefit for free school meals but if you are obtaining Working Tax Credit along with any of the other benefits listed above, you may qualify for free meals for your child/ren.

Application forms will be sent out from school. You should return the completed form, for your children attending Wyvern Academy, **together with proof of the benefit you are claiming**. Your documents will be photocopied to support your application.

A new application must be completed each academic year, even if your circumstances remain the same. Please also be aware that we are unable to process your application without proof of benefits.

Children under the compulsory school age who are in full time education may also be able to get free school meals.

PUPIL PREMIUM/SERVICE PREMIUM FUNDING

In certain circumstances, The Department for Education provides additional funding to support an individual child's education and attainment. Please help us determine if the school is eligible to receive this funding for your child by completing the questions below with a Yes or No response:

Do you believe your child is currently eligible for free school meals? Yes/No *[delete as appropriate]*

Or has been entitled to free school meals at any point in the last 6 years? Yes/No

Does your child have one or both parents serving in the armed forces? Yes/No

Or has served in the armed forces within the last 3 years? Yes/No

Pupil's name _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent's signature _____

Date _____