

Claim Free School Meals

Free school meals are available at our school but only to families that are eligible. You are strongly advised to check whether you are eligible and register if you are.

The free school meal allowance provides £3.00 of credit per day which is enough for one of the main hot meals or a baguette. Vegetarian options are provided, and all meat is halal. Our system does not reveal to other pupils whether your child is claiming free school meals so there is no stigma.

Furthermore, if you have claimed free school meals at any point in the last six years then the school receives additional funding called Pupil Premium from the government which we use to help disadvantaged pupils. We use some of this money to reduce the cost of school trips and instrumental tuition. If you are currently claiming free school meals (Targeted), you get a 20% discount and if you have claimed in the last six years then you get a £150 credit.

Benefits to students eligible to Free School Meals (FSM):

Targeted FSM:

- £3.00 per day for hot meal / lunch. When students scan their finger, the till will identify them as free school meals and will take the £3.00 payment **at lunch time only**. Anything more than this will need to be paid for and therefore we do ask parents to add funds to their parent pay account to cover the extras. This also applies to food taken before school or at break time when items must be paid for.
- £150 credit each year to cover the cost of trips, music lessons, activities (unused money cannot be transferred / accumulated from one academic year to another). When you wish to allocate your £150 (or part of it) to an account, you must email Student.Services@adalovelace.org.uk with the Item Name, amount and full student name. A telephone call is not enough as we are required to keep a written record for our auditing purposes.
- 20% discount off the total cost for trips, music lessons, activities (do not apply if the cost is below £10).

Expanded FSM:

- £3.00 per day for hot meal / lunch.

To find out if you are eligible and to register, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>