



## Wellfield Academy

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

### Free School Meals

Did you know that your child could qualify for free school meals? If your child is eligible, it means they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the bills and fuss of making packed lunches. In addition to free lunches, those who are eligible can also have a free breakfast before school, 8.15am-8.40am, every day.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

No-one else will know that your child qualifies as we use a cashless system that means that payment is discreet. Your child's catering account will be topped up daily automatically with £1.65 for breakfast and £2.20 for lunch. Please note that students cannot carry over the breakfast allowance to lunch, or 'save up' their allowance. Purchases beyond this amount are funded by parental 'top up'. Claiming free school meals also helps us support your children further in school. We receive extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible student who is registered. The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to focus additional resources on helping students who are eligible in this category to reach their full potential, to make sure this is in line with their peers. The more students that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives on their behalf. Please remember registering for free school meals does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they do not want to but it does bring this 'top up' funding to enable us to ensure they are supported in other ways to make sure they can do their best.

If you think that you may be eligible, please complete the attached form and send it to the Pupil Access Team directly at: Pupil Access Team South, Level 1, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ Tel: (01772) 531809 If you have any further questions or queries regarding free school meals email [finance@wellfieldacademy.org](mailto:finance@wellfieldacademy.org) or [enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org).

Yours sincerely,  
Mr J Lewis  
Head of School



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