

Tuesday 6th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know that registering your child for Free School Meals means that you could save over £400 per year by your child accessing a free meal every day whilst at school. Did you also know that the academy gets extra money that can help your child in lessons?

The Government is giving money to schools for children on free school meals to help them do their very best, this is known as “Pupil Premium”. For every child registered for Free School Meals, Outwood Academy Danum will get £985. With this money we could add extra support for students in classes, or provide 1 to 1 support where needed. Please register as soon as you can. You can do it yourself online here: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

This is the link to the DfE Free School Meals Guidance: [DfE Free School Meals Guidance](#)

### **How does it work?**

1. First, check if you qualify (list of ways to qualify on the reverse of this letter).
2. Complete the form online. If you need help, please call us on 01302 831385.
3. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal, as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £985.
5. No one will know you have applied and your child's friends will not know. They will automatically have cash on their account every day.

This will not affect any other financial support you are claiming.

Yours faithfully,



Mandy Crane  
Principal

## **Free School Meals - Do you qualify?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and you do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working tax Credit)
- Universal Credit