

Wednesday 7 September

Dear families

The increase in energy prices continues to be a worry for all of us, and another price cap in October means there's still some uncertainty to come. We are keen to work with our families to ensure they access any additional help available to them.

Free school meals can save families over £250 per year, per child, and can lead to other benefits. For example, an annual voucher to help towards the costs of school uniform. As an academy we are also affected by the increase of energy costs, registering for free school meals will raise extra funding from central government for the academy to fund valuable support for students.

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided you are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- The 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400

The academy works together with local council's to confirm entitlement to free school meals and all information provided will be kept confidential. Furthermore, our cashless payment system means that students claiming free school meals cannot be identified by others.

We are keen to ensure all our families are receiving the finance assistance they are entitled to. If you would like to apply for free school meals directly you can follow this link: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/>

Your eligibility will be checked via a secure website and will confirm if you are eligible or not immediately. Alternatively, if you would like us to apply on your behalf please fill the form on this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/btK42Eyxjx>

If you require any further information or support please contact the school on the telephone number at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully



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