

Pupil Premium – Free School Meals

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered, Morecambe Bay Academy gets **£955** per year.

Additional funding is also provided for children who are looked after (CLAC), adopted or where there are special guardianships/residency orders in place.

To date, we have used existing pupil premium money to reduce class sizes in GCSE English and Maths and to ensure TA support has been maintained across the school. We hope that extra funding will provide additional support, one to one tuition and help for students with the cost of their uniform and school activities.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact the Area Education Office, White Cross Education Centre, Quarry Road, Lancaster 01524 581112 or 01524 581163 or school who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £955 extra.
4. 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 £955 extra.

No one will know you have registered, and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please feel free to talk to us in confidence about registering your child today for Free School Meals and if your child is 'looked after', adopted from care or you have a special guardianship order in place.

Contact:

Tel: 01524 410207

Email: reception@morecambebayacademy.co.uk

Further advice

You may qualify for a free school meal if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To apply, you should contact the local district office on 01524 581112 or 01524 581163. You will be required to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number

Useful links to Lancashire County Council:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/catering/parent-and-pupil-information/free-school-meals/>