



# SOUTHMERE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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**One Academy Rule:** Every Student and Adult is expected to behave in a responsible manner, both to themselves and others, showing consideration, courtesy and respect for other people at all times.

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## Registering your child for free school meals

Dear Parents / Carers,

You may be aware of the universal infant free school meals programme which entitles all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to a free school lunch.

However, you may not be aware that children from Year 3 to Year 6 may also be eligible to receive free school meals, and unless you register your child to receive free school meals, regardless of the year group they are in, your child may miss out on the free school meal and the school may lose out on vital funding to support your child's learning.

This extra funding is called **pupil premium**, and the government provides it to schools for every registered pupil meeting the specified financial criteria below. The purpose of this funding is to enhance the education of these pupils and bring their attainment in line with their peers. This provides eligible pupils with a range of support for learning in its widest sense.

For each eligible pupil, the school will receive an additional £1,320, so I am sure you can see the benefit and importance of registering your child; so that we may receive this funding and give them the best possible start in their education.

These free school meals, and therefore the pupil premium, are available to children of families in receipt of any of the following:

- 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 State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after no longer qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Please note: even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you will still need to register your child for free school meals in order for the school to receive the funding, using the form attached, even though they may receive a free school meal through the universal free school meals programme regardless.

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There are other multiple benefits to registering your child for a free school meal, such as the relieved pressure and cost of providing and preparing your child's school meal, and our professional cooks and health focused food standards ensure that the school meals we provide are balanced, nutritious and delicious.

If, at any time, throughout the year you believe your child may have been entitled to free school meals please contact the office who will be happy to advise and support you.

Please complete the form attached and return it to the academy office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Kind regards,

Susan Dawson

Principal

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