Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'Free School Meals' and you register for this, the school will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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 are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No, pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

Please use the link below to complete and submit an online application for each child in your household who will be attending Watling Academy. (PLEASE NOTE – please sort the schools by Name to select Watling Academy)

https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact admin@watling.academy.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Barford
Deputy Head of School