

Dear Parent/Carer,

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals – Year 7 September 2024

If your child is currently receiving free school meals, or if you feel your child would be entitled to them but have not yet signed up, please could you follow the link on page 2 of this letter. This will enable you to register for your child to begin/continue receiving Free School Meals once they join Watling Academy in September 2024.

What are the eligibility criteria?

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

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (after tax and not including and benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 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 – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



Alternatively, if you do not meet the above eligibility criteria, but your child was in receipt of Free School Meals on/after 1st April 2018, please provide proof of entitlement i.e. a letter from previous school. You will receive protected eligibility status, which will provide Free School Meals and additional funding for Watling Academy until the end of your child's secondary school education. You will still need to register on the below OFSM system.

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>

Please complete the online registration **no later than 2nd June 2024**. Should you require any help with completing the registration, we would be happy to offer support and aid in the completion of this process at the school at a pre-arranged time.

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

Kind Regards,

Mrs S Carrington
Admissions and Transitions Coordinator