

Dear Parent/Carer,

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals – Year 7 September 2025

If your child is currently receiving free school meals, or if you feel your child would be entitled to them, please could you follow the link on page 2 of this letter to apply. Due to new government legislation that came into effect in March 2025, all those entitled to Free School Meals will **need to re-apply from 1st April 2025** in order to continue receiving Free School Meals once they join Watling Academy in September 2025.

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 (as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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

Respect / Responsibility / Kindness



How do I register?

Please use the link below to complete and submit your online application for each child in your household who will be attending Watling Academy. (PLEASE NOTE – sort the schools by name to select Watling Academy). Once you have completed your application and have confirmation that you are eligible for Free School Meals, please email your reference number to admin@watling.academy

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

Please complete the online registration **from the 1st April 2025 onwards**. 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, please contact admissions@watling.academy

Kind Regards,

Mrs S Carrington

Admissions & Transition Coordinator