

SACRED HEART

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we want to encourage you to register them.

Why register for free school meals?

Children who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them if you prefer them to have packed lunches. But registering them is still important because for every child registered for free school meals, our school gets more funding from the government. For every pupil registered for free school meals, our school gets an extra **£1,050** through 'pupil premium' funding. For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources (e.g. books, computers, trips and visits)
- Academic interventions (e.g. mentoring, tutoring)
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions (e.g. counselling)

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

If you receive these benefits, your child may be eligible:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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 (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less



How do I register?

Newcastle City Council operates an **Apply Once** process for Free School Meals. During your child's academic life, you will only ever have to apply once for Free School Meals while they attend a Newcastle school.

If your application is refused, they will continue to check your details on a weekly basis, unless you tell them to stop. This means they will know if you start to get a qualifying benefit. They will approve your child's free school meals application and contact you.

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals>

Information on registering for free school meals if you are a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) is also available on the above website.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact your daughter's Head of Year.

You can also find more information at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

Yours faithfully,

Mr L. Clarke
Deputy Headteacher