



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/carers,

Re: Free School Meals

I am writing to you with regard to eligibility for Free School Meals.

This year there are currently about 80 students in school who are eligible for Free School Meals but are not taking them on a regular basis. Should your child be eligible for Free School Meals then please encourage them to make use of this provision.

Please could you remind your child that Free School Meals don't just include food at lunchtime, but can also apply to food and drink at breaktime as well. Before school until 8.30am a free breakfast is available for those who qualify for Free School Meals, which is in addition to the free school meals amount of £2.50 per day. Please note if the full amount is not used, it does not carry forward to subsequent days.

Family financial circumstances often change and it may be that we have a number of students who should be eligible for Free School Meals and have not yet applied. Should you feel that this may apply to you then please refer to the details below.

Is my child eligible for Free School Meals?

All children aged 3 to 18 at Derbyshire nurseries or schools can receive a free meal if they qualify.

Qualifying criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- 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 guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

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How do I apply?

To apply, please go to:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact enquiries@ripleyacademy.org

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr J de Rijk', written in a cursive style.

Mr J de Rijk

Head of School

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