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Dear Parents/Carers

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

**For every child registered, the Wellington Academy receives extra funding to support their education.** With this money we could provide a range of additional support to enable your child to reach their potential.

If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get;

- Free school lunch
- A subsidised healthy breakfast each morning
- Help with the cost of trips
- Reduced price school uniform
- Access to the laptop loan scheme

**Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child does not miss out.**

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, complete the on line form using the following link <https://myfreeschoolmeals.com/> or contact Rachel Larkin at the Academy who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), lots of extra benefits and the school receives extra funding.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still receives extra funding.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to us about registering your child today. If you have any questions, please contact [rachaellarkin@thewellingtonacademy.org.uk](mailto:rachaellarkin@thewellingtonacademy.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

**Dr D Rosen**  
**Deputy Head**

## Turn over to see if you qualify

### Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit