



All Faiths Children's Academy

2nd June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 2 moving up to Year 3

Come September 2025 you will need to pay for your child's school dinners.

Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- 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 guaranteed element of 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)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. This is known as universal infant free school meals. This entitlement automatically stops when they enter year 3 and parents would then need to pay for school meals.

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money. Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered. This supports teaching, resources, interventions and many areas of school life for your child. A child will remain eligible for pupil premium funding, even if their entitlement for free school meals change, so it is always worth applying.

Are you eligible? If so, please go to: www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

If you need any assistance completing the form – please let us know, as we can apply on your behalf.

Kind regards

Mrs Bull

Receptionist and Admissions Officer

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