

Dear Parent/Guardian

Did you know... just registering your child for free school meals means that Beverley Grammar School will receive extra funding to enhance your child's education?

Register now to make sure you don't miss out

You may already have heard about the introduction of the Government initiative, the "Pupil Premium". This is an additional grant available for schools, determined by the number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

There is an additional £900 of funding for every student in our school who qualifies for FSM. We are sending this letter to all parents to ask if you would read the criteria below to see if you think your child may be eligible.

You may have made the decision to provide your child with packed lunch out of preference, or perhaps due to financial constraints. If you are successful in registering for FSM, your child immediately receives the benefit of £475 of school dinners, with a wide range of healthy options offered in our canteen.

This is only the first plus.

The Pupil Premium is targeted funding; we have to demonstrate to the Government how we use the remaining funding to benefit your child. There is an annual report on our website detailing the wide variety of Teaching and Learning initiatives and intervention strategies that the Pupil Premium funding has enabled.

These include extra-curricular activities, literacy and numeracy assistance plans, homework clubs and revision clubs; all designed to enhance your child's education.

What happens next?

Please read the qualifying criteria below to determine if you think your child is eligible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school for guidance.

Do I qualify?

In 2012 you can register your child for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- 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 and 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
- Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

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

How do I apply?

Telephone the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Benefit section on **(01482) 394799** or visit any East Riding of Yorkshire [customer service centre](#) for an application form.

They will need the following information:

- Your Name
- Your Date of birth
- National Insurance Number (or registered asylum seekers number)
- Child's details - Name, date of birth and school

The benefits section will make automated checks to confirm your entitlement and tell you immediately if you qualify.

Thank you very much for your support for our school.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher