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Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know ... just registering your child for free school meals means that the school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out

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 Hollingworth Academy gets £935 this year.

With this money we could further develop mentoring and other interventions to help support children's learning and ensure that all pupils make at least the expected levels of progress, whilst at school. Details of how the pupil premium was spent in 2018-19 are available on the school's website and planned expenditure for 2019-20.

Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child and others in their class don't 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, contact Revenues and Benefits Service, Rochdale on 0845 121 2970 to request an application form or email: council.tax@rochdale.gov.uk who will help you to register. You can download a copy of the application form from www.rochdale.gov.uk website under 'free school meals'.
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 £418 a year), possible extra benefits and the school gets £935 extra.
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 gets £935 extra.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Pupils, who are registered for free school meals, have money automatically added to their account and then use the cashless system like everyone else. This means that other pupils are completely unaware of who is on this benefit.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

Do you qualify?

You can apply for free school meals if you or your child receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit – In England, if you apply on or after 1 April your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.
- 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 of £16,190 or less.
- 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.