

Dear Parent / Carer

FREE SCHOOL MEALS / PUPIL PREMIUM

Did you know Just by 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, Samuel Ward get £600 this year.

With this money we could provide more one-to-one tutors, support smaller classes and further improve ICT. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with school trips, a free uniform and other benefits.

Please register by Half term to make sure your child and others in their class do 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, contact Mrs Willson, Business Manager at Samuel Ward Academy on 01440 760332
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), extra benefits and the school gets £600 extra and with electronic registration no other pupils know
4. If you do not 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 £600 extra

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

Yours sincerely



Howard Lay
Principal

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 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.

Come and talk to us if you are not sure