



KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY


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Dear Parent, Carer,

Due to the impact of Covid a number of families may be experiencing challenging financial situations. We are writing to you to make you aware of the support available. At Kingswood we try to encourage all families entitled to Free School Meals to take up their entitlement. This is for three reasons:

- If a student is entitled, it is clearly in the family's interest. Free School Meals are worth £2.30 per day, or £437 per child per year.
- We operate a cashless catering system that enables children to have their account credited without any other student knowing.
- As a school, we are committed to ensuring that all children who are entitled to Free School Meals are receiving them.

If you receive **any** of the following benefits, then your child will be entitled to Free School Meals at Kingswood:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit – Income Dependant

If a child resides in a local authority care home, they will not qualify for free school meals. This is because the government funding has already been allocated to fund their meals. A child must reside with the applicant to receive free school meals.

Free School Meals will now only accept online applications. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, then please google "Northamptonshire county council free school meals" or go to the following website: <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx> in order to apply.

If you have any queries about the Free School Meals provision, then please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is: nbows@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Nikki Bows

PP Coordinator