

## **Free School Meals & Pupil Premium**

**Did you know that you may be able to support your child at Hall Cross Academy by simply registering your eligibility to claim free school meals?**

### **How will I be helping to support my school?**

Hall cross Academy can claim additional funding from Government according to the number of children attending our school eligible for free school meals. This additional funding is called the Pupil Premium grant and even if your child does not want their free school meal, the additional funding it attracts can benefit them in other ways. For example the funding can be used to subsidise school trips, provide extra resources and employ more staff.

### **Can anyone register for free school meals?**

**Your child will be eligible for free school meals if you are receiving one of the following benefits or support:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190 (as worked out by HM Revenue & Customs)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week

There is no entitlement for free school meals if the parent receives Working Tax Credit on a regular basis.

### **Apply for free school meals**

If you meet the criteria, an online request, normally by the parent or guardian of the child, has to be made before the council can provide free school meals.

Please see the link below:

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

**Even if you do not want your child to receive a free school meal we would ask you to apply, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.**

