



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS / FUNDED BUS PASSES

I am writing to encourage parents/carers of all our pupils who are entitled to free meals, to claim them.

Your child would be entitled to Free School Meals if you are receiving any of the following benefits:-

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit (WTC) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) as assessed by HRMC
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit – conditions apply; see [Universal Credit Information](#) on DCC website

**I must point out that it is your responsibility to tell us of any change in circumstances which would affect your child's entitlement to free school meals**

No one else knows when a child is receiving free school meals because free school meals allowance of £2.70 will be added to your son/daughter's account on a daily basis. This is to ensure that there is enough money for a meal to be purchased each day. This will be available from break-time.

If you think that your child would need more than this, parents can 'top up' their child's account via ParentPay.

**Did you know that just by registering your child for free school meals our school would receive extra funding and you could receive help with bus pass payments?**

The Government is awarding funding to schools to help children from lower income families achieve their full potential. This funding is called the 'Pupil Premium' which means that for every child that is registered for free school meals St Mary's will receive additional funding and you could also receive help with school transport costs and assistance with payment for school retreats for your child/children.

**To claim for free school meals, you can apply online at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)**

Yours faithfully

**Mrs M Dengate**  
Headteacher

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