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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Free School Meals

At Glossopdale School and Sixth Form we are keen to support all families as much as we possibly can. Many children who attend school here may be entitled to Free School Meals but some families who could apply may have not yet claimed them. **If your child is eligible for free school meals, we want to encourage you to register them.**

Why register for free school meals?

Children who are registered for free school meals are entitled to a set allowance each day to spend on food and/or drinks. Students aren't obliged to spend that allowance, if for instance they would prefer to have packed lunches, but the allowance is always available if they are registered.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Derbyshire if you receive one 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on: paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit: if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

How do I register?

Follow the link below to sign in/register and then complete the form.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

More information

If you have any questions or specific concerns, you can find more information at [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) or use the contact details for Derbyshire on the link above. You can also contact Mrs Amy Bowden directly. Please email [abowden@glossopdaleschool.org.uk](mailto:abowden@glossopdaleschool.org.uk) if you need any support with registering.

Yours faithfully

Miss Amy Bowden

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