



Dear Parents and Carers

**Did you know ... just 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 Brentside High School gets £488 this year and £600 next year.**

If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with costs of school trips or monies from the 16-19 bursary fund.

**Please register as soon as possible before mid January to make sure your child and others in their class don't 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 (Steph Fryer at the school or the Pupil Support service at Perceval House (0208 825 5566) or search online for 'Ealing Council free school meals' and follow the link at [ealing.gov.uk](http://ealing.gov.uk) to register.
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 £488 extra.
4. If you don't 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 £488 extra.

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***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.**

## **Do you qualify?**

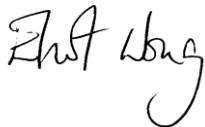
You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based 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 & 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're not sure.**

Yours faithfully



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