



Nunthorpe Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

We know that there are lots of things for your family to consider when the academy week begins; but have you and your child decided what they will be having for lunch every day?

School meals will give your child a real appetite for learning and help them to achieve their full potential. Did you know that your child could qualify for free school meals? If your child is eligible it means they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the bills and the fuss of making packed lunches. Many children at our academy are already eating free school meals, and your child may be able to have them too. Nunthorpe Academy operates a cashless system which means that at the till all students feel the same. We feel this is an inclusive way to operate.

There is nothing healthier for your child and your family's budget than free school meals. As professional cooks prepare meals for your child, it saves you having to worry about the effort and expense of making packed lunches every day.

Your child may be eligible to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit - (providing you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit - provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs of no more than £16,190
- A 'Run-On' of Working Tax Credit - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Savings for your family

If you were planning to pay for your child to have academy meals or are already doing so, you could save around £350 per year if your child qualifies for free school meals.

Think of the time you would save

If your child is eligible and chooses academy meals over packed lunches, you could save up to 190 hours a year, which is the time needed to make packed lunches that meet the nutritional standards of Academy meals – that's just over a week!

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Our Academy will receive extra funding

For every child registered for a free school meal, the academy will receive money to spend on extra resources. To make sure your child does not miss out, contact: Mrs J Coverdale on 01642 310561 ext 1002 or email jcoverdale@nunthorpe.co.uk. Relevant documentation is also on the website.

Yours sincerely

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