



Free School Meals

We are asking you to check if you may be entitled to free school meals; even if you apply but do not take up the meals our academy would receive Pupil Premium funding enabling us to support students with extra resources such as additional tuition, Teaching Assistants or after-school clubs. **When you are registered for free school meals it entitles your child to additional support.**

The application process is straightforward and confidential and if students take up free school meals our cashless card system means there is no difference over the lunchtime process for students.

If you need further information application forms can be obtained from Student Reception at Thorp Academy or from Gateshead Council by telephone on 0191-4333729 or by email at benefitenquiries@gateshead.gov.uk

You may qualify for free school meals if you receive one of the following:-

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA - IB)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit - but not Working Tax Credit - and your income for Tax Credit purposes must be less than £16,190.00 (details are shown on your Tax Credit award notice)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999