



Atlantic Academy Portland

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FSM and EXTRA funding available for your child

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Dear Parents/Carers

There are many advantages for yourselves, and the Academy, if you are **entitled to**, and **claim**, your child's **free school meal allowance**. This includes if your child is in Years R to 2.

This would not only help you: it would help Atlantic Academy too.

As well as FSM for your child, the Academy would receive a 'pupil premium' payment (including for R to Year 3 students), which we use for funding, for those children, for such things as:

- smaller class sizes
- equipment - pens, pencils etc
- subsidising trips and visits
- providing replacement uniforms etc
- subsidised bus passes
- sports equipment
- theatre tickets
- subsidising music lessons
- support from specialised subject tutors

Is your child eligible for free school meals?

The rising cost of living means everyone could use a bit of help. You are entitled to claim for FSM for your child if you are entitled to any of the following:

- 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; this is as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: this is as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think your family could qualify for FSM, you can sign up at: [DCC Free School Meals](#); you will need your National insurance number and your child's date of birth.

Please contact us if you have any questions or need support with your application.

Yours sincerely

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