



# Old Hall Drive Academy

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Manchester City Council has agreed today to provide funding for all children from Nursery to Year 11 who are eligible for a benefits related free school meal over the half term break next week. This will be families on a low income that receive free school meals. This will also include children from families who are legally classed as no recourse to public funds. **However, this does not include children who get a free school meal through the universal scheme whereby all children in Reception year one and two receive a meal without charge.** These children are not classed as free school meals for this scheme. Full details are below for eligibility.

Eligible families will receive a cash payment of £15 per child for the week and will need to claim through the Welfare provision scheme on the Council's website - the link is copied below. The scheme will continue to be open for 2 weeks after half term up until 13th November so that families can apply retrospectively if they are unable to claim next week.

[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits\\_and\\_support/6302/apply\\_for\\_a\\_loan\\_if\\_you\\_are\\_in\\_financial\\_crisis](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits_and_support/6302/apply_for_a_loan_if_you_are_in_financial_crisis)

## FSM eligibility

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not 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)

Yours Faithfully,  
Hayley Brooker, Principal



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