



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

Dayspring Trust



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Dear Parent / Carer

Free School Meal Eligibility

I am sure you are already aware that some families may be eligible for free school meals. Pupils, who qualify, receive funds each day on their account to spend in the Academy Bistro. Eligibility is confidential and pupils continue to pay for their meal as normal, using their fingerprint at the till.

In addition to this funding, the academy also receives over £900 per year to support with learning resources. This helps fund valuable teaching and learning support for our academy and we therefore would encourage those who DO qualify to sign up, even if your child does not plan to take a meal from Bistro, the academy will still receive the additional funding from the government.

Sunderland City Council manages free school meal eligibility and applying is easy, using the link below from Together for Children. You will find guidance on free school meals and qualifying benefits by visiting the section headed 'downloads' on the Together for Children website links below:

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/parents-carers/free-school-meals>

https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

If you are unsure as to whether you are eligible, please contact the Together for Children – Free Schools Team on the below:

Telephone number: 0191 561 1417

Email: freeschoolmeals@togetherforchildren.org.uk

We appreciate your support.

Kind regards

David Airey

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