

27th February 2015

Dear Parent

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

I am writing to advise you that with effect from 1st April 2015, the Academy will no longer use the services of Walsall Council to check the eligibility of students claiming Free School Meals. We are using a company called Link2ICT and would like to encourage all parents to apply online to check their eligibility. The new online checking service will instantly advise you if your child is eligible to receive free school meals. Your details are also updated automatically, so there is no need for a formal review process. Both parent and academy are advised if you become eligible in the future, so the free school meal allowance can be applied immediately to your child's dinner account.

In order for the academy to process existing and new applications you will be required to reapply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

You will need your national insurance number or national asylum support service reference number and your date of birth. If you do not have access to the internet, an application can be made by the Academy on your behalf, by completing an Application for Free School Meals form.

To ensure your child continues to receive free school meals please complete an application either online or with an application form by Friday, 6th March 2015.

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY THROUGH WALSALL COUNCIL.

If your application is successful, the Academy will also receive extra funding from the Government to use in support of teaching and learning.

If you have any queries or need support completing your application please speak to Reception.

Yours sincerely

Keith Whittlestone
Principal