

Entitlement to Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to claim Free School Meals (FSM)?

If you would like to apply for Free School Meals (FSM), please contact the School. The process is relatively simple and the Student Services staff are only too happy to assist you with this.

The biggest barrier that we have observed to students claiming FSM is that there is a concern that they may stand out as different because of this. At Wallington County Grammar School (WCGS) we have worked hard to ensure that any student who has the right to claim FSM is now unidentifiable, meaning there is no difference between someone who obtains meals in the School Café using their own personal funding or who uses the funding provided by the government. With the new Cashless Catering system socio-economic circumstances are irrelevant as the student's account is automatically topped-up on a daily basis with an amount which will cover the cost of a main meal, including dessert, during the lunch service only.

Any food or refreshments purchased in the café is paid for by using a students' finger pattern. The daily allowance of £3.30 for Free School Meals and this amount can be topped up via your child's lunch account using the Parent Pay system.

Please refer to the 'Free School Meals Application Form'.

Uniform Voucher

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, you may also be eligible to claim a voucher from the School that entitles your son to essential items of school uniform free of charge.

Please see the documents 'Guidance Notes on Uniform Voucher' & 'School Uniform Voucher Application Form' in the Year 7 Induction Pack of documents available to read on the School website.

School Trips

In addition, if your child claims Free School Meals, the School will cover the cost of your child's educational visits automatically and confidentially, and may also be able to assist with other non-curriculum based trips.

We strongly urge parents to contact the school and accept the support of Free School Meals if you are entitled to this. By doing this it means that the school will receive appropriate funding to ensure that we can support students who might otherwise miss out on all the great opportunities that are on offer to them.