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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Academy catering and free school meals**

Cleverchefs are now in the third year of providing catering services to the Academy. They focus on providing amazing food, going that extra mile in presentation and taste, whilst keeping the food recognisable food that can be of comfort. They promise to use the freshest local ingredients, cooked and served by dedicated professionals, whilst doing their best to be sustainable across all areas of their business. Further information about this term's menus can be found on the Academy website [The Bourne Academy - Catering](#)

### **Meal Pricing**

We have been able to keep the price of the meal deals at the Academy fixed for the last two years, however, due to the continued rising costs of food we are now having to make an increase. The cost of all the various meal deals at the Academy is now £2.60. A full price list can be found on our website (see link above).

### **Free School Meals**





We would like to share some information regarding Free School Meals. Recent figures show that 23.8% of students in England now qualify for Free School Meals, representing over 2 million children and this percentage continues to increase. Free School Meals will give your child a £2.60 daily allowance to spend on food of their choice in our canteen, although we recommend our main meal or meal deals for best value. You may be eligible for Free School Meals for your child(ren) if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they were not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and had 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)

Registering for Free School Meals is a Quick and Easy Process and is done via BCP Council. You can apply online by visiting: [Free school meals | BCP \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#). If you are unable to access the online application form, then please use the phone number found at the bottom or the webpage.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Finance Department.

**Yours sincerely**  
**The Bourne Academy**

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