



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND HALF FARE BUS TRAVEL

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families. This funding is called the 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered, Hitchin Boys' School gets £935 this year.

The School will only receive this money for those boys who have been registered as eligible for Free School Meals. It is therefore important that in order for the School to receive this additional funding that all those who think they might be eligible apply as soon as possible. Boys who receive Free School Meals have £2.20 automatically credited to their Smart Card each day.

If you receive one of the benefits listed below your child may be eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

You may apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or by phoning 0300 123 4048.

Students aged 11 to 18 and resident in the administrative county of Hertfordshire can apply for a **Hertfordshire SaverCard which enables them to travel for half the adult fare at all times on local bus services.** Those students without a valid Hertfordshire SaverCard will be charged the full adult fare. The cards run for the academic year and are valid until the 30th of September. There is a charge per paper application of £20 (forms are available in Reception) but online applications cost just £15. Please visit www.hertsdirect.org/savercard for more information. **Families on low income may qualify for one Hertfordshire SaverCard free of charge each academic year.** These applications should be made through the 'How can we help?' team. Please telephone 0300 123 4048 for further information.

Yours sincerely

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