

July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the Government strategy for diminishing the difference between students, additional funding has been provided this academic year through Pupil Premium Grant. The purpose of the funding is to enable all pupils to achieve their full potential regardless of their financial circumstances.

The school has organised a package (in line with the Pupil Premium Grant) to help with the transition between KS2 and KS3 plus KS3 to KS4. As part of this scheme if your child is currently receiving Free School Meals you may be entitled to a £90.00 voucher to spend towards their school uniform/PE kit for De La Salle School. This is a non-refundable voucher with no monetary value from the purchase of school uniform (from the school's identified provider) for the named student up to the value of £90.00.

Students will receive a contribution towards nominated educational trips, and towards identified school courses and revision guides. All students who receive Free School Meals will receive a £20.00 contribution towards technology resources and can take the advantage of a complimentary breakfast at school.

If your child currently has Free School Meals and would like to benefit from the £90.00 uniform grant before the start of the academic year, please return with your evidence to the school by 10th July. Once we receive evidence we will issue you with your voucher which will enable you to order direct with the supplier. Delivery is at your own cost and if your order is over £90.00 the balance will need to be paid when placing your order.

Please note that all students are expected to be in full school uniform on the first day of the new academic year and purchases made without using the voucher system through the school will not be refunded, even if you are entitled to Free School Meals. However, while we hope that our supplier will be able to fulfil orders for September, allowances will be made in light of any delay caused by the current pandemic.

You can apply for Free School Meals if you receive one of these benefits at www.essex.gov.uk/educationalawards or contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200. If you require any additional help please contact Student Services.

- . Income Support
- . Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- . Child Tax Credit (not working Tax Credit), with an annual income of below £16,190
- . Pension Guarantee Credit
- . Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- . 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.
- . Universal Credit

Yours sincerely

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