

THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Breakfast

The Buckingham School firmly believes that all students should have access to a healthy breakfast. Research from Family Action finds that habitual breakfast consumption is positively related to academic performance, such that those children that eat breakfast more regularly achieve better grades in their exams. Moreover, eating a regular breakfast is also found to have a positive effect on behaviour in the classrooms.

Whilst we do see eating breakfast as hugely important, unfortunately the School is no longer in a position to fund free breakfasts for all of our students. We will still be providing breakfasts for students, however, these will be chargeable as of Wednesday 4th September.

Should your child wish to eat their breakfast at School, they should simply enter the School through the main Reception from 8.00am onwards, (or via the usual gate if after 8.20 am). Please note that breakfasts will not be served after 8.30am to ensure that students are registered on time at their morning briefings. Only students wishing to eat breakfast will be permitted to enter the site before 8.20am in order that we can ensure that they are adequately supervised, and they will be restricted to being in the KS3 canteen.

We are disappointed that we are no longer able to provide free breakfasts for all students, but faced by such financial pressures, this is something that we cannot maintain moving forwards.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

<u>Mr R Peel</u> Deputy Headteacher rpeel@buckinghamschool.org

The Buckingham School is committed to ensure that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.