

27 June 2018

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that in line with many academic establishments across the country, the Skegness Academy will be using a biometric data system (based upon finger pattern recognition technology) around the school from September 2018.

This works by taking measurements of the finger pattern, but does not capture a complete image meaning that the original finger pattern cannot be reconstructed from the data.

I would be grateful therefore if you could complete the attached Biometric Data Consent Form and return this to the Skegness Academy Main Reception by **Friday 6 July 2018**. It is imperative that we receive your consent so that the system is up and running for September. You will be notified at a later date when personal accounts have been set up for you. Your child's finger print, with your consent, will be taken between Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 July 2018.

I am also writing to inform you that there are changes to Free School Meal eligibility and Universal Credit. I have attached a letter with relevant information and instructions regarding eligibility criteria.

As we near the end of this academic term I would like to inform you of some activities which will be taking place over the next few weeks:-

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| 11 July 2018 | Careers Day |
| 13 July 2018 | Whole School Charity Day
<i>This will be a non-uniform day for students and staff and proceeds will go St Barnabas hospice and Defibrillators for Skegness. Students will be asked for a voluntary contribution of £1. There will be lots of fun activities taking place during the day. Students may wish to bring extra money on the day to enable them to participate</i> |
| 17 July 2018 | Sports Day – An ice cream van will be on site for Sports Day and ice creams will cost £1.00. Drinks will also be available to purchase |
| 18 & 19 July 2018 | End of term trips to Alton Towers, Drayton Manor, West Yorkshire Wildlife Park, X-Factor Auditions |
| 20 July 2018 | Final Assembly |

I would like to take this opportunity of informing you that on Friday 20 July 2018, students will be dismissed from the Skegness Academy at 1.00 pm. Bus companies have confirmed that they will pick students up at 1.00 pm.

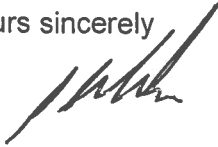
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I am enclosing also for your information term dates for 2018-2019.

Students return to the Skegness Academy on Wednesday 5 September 2018.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support of the Skegness Academy and I wish you a very relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Carlile', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Carlile
Principal



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Term Dates

2018/2019

	August 2018						September 2018						October 2018					
M			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
T			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	
W		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	
T		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		
F		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		
S		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		
S		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		

	November 2018						December 2018						January 2019					
M		5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
T		6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
T	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31	
F	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
S	3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		
S	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		

	February 2019						March 2019						April 2019					
M		4	11	18	25			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
T		5	12	19	26			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
W		6	13	20	27			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
T		7	14	21	28			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
F	1	8	15	22			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		
S	2	9	16	23			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		
S	3	10	17	24			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		

	May 2019						June 2019						July 2019					
M		6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
T		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	
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School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Staff Training Days

June 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Changes to free school meal eligibility and Universal Credit

The eligibility criteria for free school meals have been changed. This letter explains the changes and how they might affect you.

What are the new eligibility criteria?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below :

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I don't currently claim free school meals – what does this mean for me?

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, ask your school for the free school meal application form. The information you provide will be used to check if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit and, if you are on Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. If you claim Universal Credit, your earnings will be assessed from up to three months of your last Universal Credit assessment periods.

If you are eligible, your school will be notified. Your child will receive free school meals and the school will receive extra funding.

I am currently claiming free school meals – what does this mean for me?

Most people won't be affected by the new criteria. If you are currently claiming free school meals, but don't meet the new criteria, your child will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the Universal Credit rollout period. This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold or if you stop being entitled to Universal Credit. The rollout period is currently scheduled to end in March 2022.

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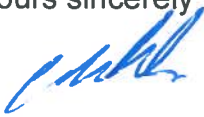
Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, your child will keep their free school meal until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary.

Where can I get more information?

If you need any further information, please speak to a member of school staff or the local authority. You can also visit the free school meal website :

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Yours sincerely



Mr G Carlile
Principal



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Biometric Data Consent Form

In line with many academic establishments across the country, the Skegness Academy will be using a biometric data system (based upon finger pattern recognition technology) around the school from September 2018. These include (but may not be exclusive to): Paying for food and trips. This works by taking measurements of the finger pattern, but does not capture a complete image meaning that the original finger pattern cannot be reconstructed from the data.

The Academy requires the written consent of a Parent/Guardian before we may collect and process the biometric data of any student. A suitable alternative will be provided to any student where consent is not given.

Please complete and return the below form indicating the preferred method of accessing school systems in the Academy.

Use of Biometric Data

Student Name
(Please Print) _____ Tutor Group _____

Please tick one of the two boxes below:

- I hereby give consent for the collection and processing of biometric data for the student detailed above for use with school systems
- I would like my son/daughter to be provided with a suitable alternative instead of using their fingerprint

Parent Name
(Please Print) _____

Parent
Signature _____

Date _____

Please note that even if a parent has given written consent to the processing of their child's biometric data the Academy will be obliged to substitute this with an alternative in the following situations:

- Your son/daughter objects to having their finger pattern taken on the day
- Your son/daughter later objects to using their finger pattern as a method of accessing school systems
- If a different parent to the one that has given consent writes to us to object