

Motion –  
*by Steve Goodman*

*To be presented on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons  
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

**Motion:-**

"This honourable Court notes that students over seven in England are only entitled to free school meals if the annual household income is £7400 or less.

This means 800,000 children whose parents are on universal credit are not entitled to free school meals.

This honourable Court notes the excellent work of the Multi Academy Trust and the Education Board in promoting the educational success of all children in the city of London family of schools.

However, children are increasingly turning up to school hungry as the cost of living crisis impacts on families in poverty

Therefore, this honourable Court:

1. Joins with the many health professionals and others who are asking the Government to adopt the same policy as Wales and Scotland and provide free school meals to all children living in households receiving universal credit.
2. Asks the Policy and Resources Committee to work with the City of London Academies Trust Board to explore if there is anything further we can do as a Corporation to support children in our academies who are living in poverty, for example providing free breakfasts to our students, and to seriously consider identifying a budget under its remit to financially support urgent action"

*Signatories to the Motion, pursuant to Standing Order 12(3):-*

*Steve Goodman (Mover)*  
*Matthew Bell*  
*Anne Corbett*  
*Aaron D'Souza*  
*Helen Fentimen*  
*John Griffiths*  
*Alderman Robert Howard*  
*Alderwoman Sue Langley*  
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