

4th May 2023

Councillor Anthony Okereke & Councillor Matt Morrow
Leader of Greenwich Council & Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street
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Dear Councillors Okereke & Morrow,

On behalf of the Greenwich Borough Liberal Democrats, in support of Greenwich Member of Youth Parliament Timi Jibogu's campaign, we call on the Greenwich Council to urgently begin an investigation into the feasibility of extending eligibility to free school meals for those **all** pupils taking exams this Summer, in particular pupils current in Years 6, 11 and 13.

This is not only consistent with actions from London councils across the political spectrum, but also is consistent with the campaign launched by Greenwich's own Member of Youth Parliament (MYP), Timi Jibogu.

As Timi outlines, for every £1 invested in free school meals, £1.38 is returned in health, social, educational, and economic benefits. Investing in Greenwich's young people by expanding the provision of free school meals is therefore not only vital for delivering fairness for all by helping them maximise their potential but also an investment that will pay for itself, and more, in the long-term.

The Greenwich Borough Liberal Democrats are committed to working on this on a cross-party and apolitical basis, working with politicians and groups from all parties and none, to explore the possibility of expanding free school meal eligibility to all pupils taking exams this summer.

We therefore call on you and your councillors to work with Timi to deliver his objectives and we conclude by inviting councillors and activists from across our borough to join Timi's commendable campaign.

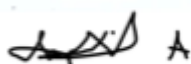
Yours sincerely,



Roger Spence, Chair of Greenwich Liberal Democrats



Ulysse Abbate, Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Eltham Constituency



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