

Dear Parent / Carer

Free School Meals

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents whose sons are entitled to receive free school meals to register for them by bringing into school evidence that they receive one of the benefits mentioned below. We need your support in this area as schools receive significant funding based on the number of students who are registered for free school meals.

To qualify for Free School Meals you must be entitled to one of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IBESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit provided they are <u>not entitled to working tax credit</u> and an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.

If you are on universal credit, please use the free school meals eligibility checker website

Free School Meals – Eligibility Checker:

Log-on to the secure website www.fsm.lgfl.net – there are three options;

Return to your account Create a new account Forgotten your username/password

You must complete all the details required before submitting your eligibility check. *Please note that this site is secure, as the web address starts with https this means that it uses SSL encryption, the same that you would find in online shopping and online banking.

If your son is eligible for Free School Meals we will receive an authorisation email and you need to take no further action.

Or Bring proof of benefits (bank statement, letter confirming benefit entitlement) to the school. **Paperwork proof** will need to be bought in before authorisation is given for Free School Meals. We are open Monday to Friday term time from 8:00am to 4:00pm and during the school holidays, apart from bank holidays, Monday from 8.00am to 2.30pm.

Once eligibility is established his food account will be credited with $\pounds 2.10$ each lunchtime, this amount will be removed at the end of each lunchtime if not used.

Please note that it is your responsibility to inform us of any changes that may affect your eligibility.



Safeguarding the rights of others is the most noble and beautiful end of a human being. Khalil Gibran

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