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ARE YOU ENTITLED TO NORMAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

APPLY NOW TO RECEIVE OTHER BENEFITS INCLUDING UP TO £40 TO SPEND ON UNIFORM!

Dear Parents / Carers,

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals' regardless of your income, as part of a Government scheme.

However, if your child is entitled officially to receive **Normal Free School Meals** it is absolutely **crucial** that you apply for this in the usual way.

The reason we ask this of you is because when a child is on our Free School Meals register, the school receives extra money which can then be spent on resources, staff and enrichment for all our children. This extra money is called the **Pupil Premium** and its purpose is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education.

If you are eligible for **Normal Free School Meals**, and apply now, we will ensure your child will qualify for all sorts of other benefits throughout the year including; free milk, some discount on trips, free places at many after school clubs due to be running, music tuition and a uniform voucher to spend just to mention a few.

The school will provide you with a £20 uniform discount for each of your children who become Pupil Premium pupils. In addition to this to encourage and improve good attendance, if your child's attendance is above 95% for the academic year you will receive an additional £20 uniform discount at the end of the year (July). Year 6 children will be provided with a £20 voucher to spend on stationery supplies to support with moving on to their next school, if attendance is above 95%.

Is my child eligible for Normal Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

You may be eligible to claim free school meals if you are claiming one of the following benefits:

- o Income Support
- o income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- o income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- o support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



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- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

How do I claim for Normal Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

To make a claim for **Normal Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)** please telephone 0300 500 8080 and ask for the Grants and Benefits Team or visit on line at:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/schools/school-dinners/free-school-meals/>

It is also **really, really important** that you ensure you claim for Free School Meals, even if your child, regardless of Key Stage, prefers packed lunches. If you don't, you will be missing out on receiving discounts and support from the school over the year which you are entitled to. The school will also miss out on receiving the **Pupil Premium** for your child to help us support you.

So don't miss out on opportunities for your child. Get claiming NOW it is easy to do. Please don't forget claiming this entitlement helps both you and the school.

If in doubt please feel free to contact our school office who will be able to advise and assist you with your claim. **Claims need to be made as soon as possible before the 26th September 2021.**

Thank you for your time and support with this. Together we can make sure our children all get what they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

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