



Arnold Mill Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parent /Carer

Are you aware of the added advantages of applying for Free School Meals?

Pupil Premium

It is important that all parents who receive one of the benefits listed below register for free school meals (FSM) even if you don't want to take up the entitlement. This will enable your child's school to claim "pupil premium allocation". The pupil premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise attainment. This additional funding for schools can help to pay for new equipment, staffing and resources which will benefit your child as well as others.

All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are now entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) but we would still ask parents to apply for FSM if they are eligible due to the other advantages set out in this letter.

Free Milk Scheme

Free milk is available for:

- All children under the age of 5 in school
- All children eligible for free school meals (previously only children under 7 on FSMs were eligible)

If your child is entitled to FSM but does not currently receive milk and wants to, please let the office know. All other children can register for milk through the Cool Milk website for a small cost. Leaflets are available from the office.

Eligibility Criteria

You may qualify for free school meals if your child attends a Nottinghamshire County Council School or your child attends a maintained nursery (as long as they are receiving funded early learning education before and after lunch) and you receive one of the following benefits.

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

If you think you are eligible you can collect a form from the office or apply online at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

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