



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Apply for Free School Meals...**  
**it's quick and easy using the online form at:**  
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>

This is a reminder that the way we manage the Free School Meal system has changed, to make it easier and more streamlined. It will no longer be necessary to telephone the council you can apply online at home or in the school office.

The criteria for eligibility remains the same, please see overleaf for details. These are the benefits:

- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning
- Savings for you, worth over £350 a year
- Extra money for the school to support your child through Pupil Premium

Just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school receives the extra money even if you don't take up the free meal. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

***If your child is currently eligible for free school meals and you have not already done so, you must re-apply using the link above in order to continue to receive this service. If you have not registered, we will be unable to provide a free meal for your child. If your child is in EYFS/KS1 they will continue to receive a UIFSM, however the school will not receive the additional funding to help support your child.***

If your personal circumstances change you will need to ensure that you update the system accordingly to continue to receive a free meal.

All of this information, including a link to the online form is available on the school website, alternatively please contact the school office or email the address above; everything you say will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Rusling

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## Do you qualify?

Your child will be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can qualify for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

## How does it work?

1. Checking whether you qualify and registering is really quick and easy – do it online at:  
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>
2. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year) and the school gets additional money to help support your child.
3. If you don't want your child to have a free school meal they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify, and are registered, the school still gets the additional money.
4. If you do not have internet access to complete this process please call into the office and we can assist you with this process. We have a form you can fill out in order to allow us to complete the process on your behalf.



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