



## GUISELEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Free School Meal Eligibility**

We are aware that during these unusual times you and your family may have been put under additional financial pressure. Your financial position may have changed and budgets become tighter. The Government are currently funding a weekly voucher of £15 for each child eligible for Free School Meals, so it may be worthwhile considering if your children are now eligible to receive free school meals.

#### **Who is entitled to Free School Meals?**

If you are on benefits, your child may be entitled to free school meals no matter what year they are in which could save you £465 per year per child.

You are entitled to free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- 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)
- if your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll continue to receive them until they move to a new stage of school, such as from primary into secondary school

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

**Please note: People receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of their income level, do not qualify.**

**To find out if you are eligible, call Leeds Welfare and Benefits Service on 0113 222 4404 or look at the information and claim forms available from Leeds City Council's [How to claim free school meals page](#)**

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the secondary phase of schooling.

Year 10 pupils in Leeds have recorded a series of videos on free school meals and the benefits of eating a healthy meal at lunchtime, which are available to [view on YouTube](#).

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### **Non-Leeds Residents**

If you do not live in Leeds then you need to complete an application form, as attached to this letter.

### **Other benefits**

All schools receive extra funding, called a 'Pupil Premium Grant', from the government to help certain groups of children do as well as they should in school. An entitlement to Free School Meals also means that your child becomes part of the Pupil Premium Cohort.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine A. B. B." with a small flourish at the end.

Director of Administration and Finance