



5 November 2020

Dear parent/guardian/carer

Parents missing out on Free School Meals for their children worth £400 per year and a chance to win a £100 'Love to Shop' voucher just before Christmas

School meals have changed in the past few years. In fact, all food served at school has changed, food is cooked from fresh ingredients and more fruit, vegetables and bread are served. Gone are many of the ready-made foods, regular chips, crisps and chocolates. Instead, the meals are well balanced and tasty, with plenty to choose from. All school meals are purchased through our cashless system so your child will not be recognised as having Free School Meals.

Love to Shop vouchers

As a school, to encourage the uptake of Free School Meals, every successful application up until 19 December will receive a £15 'Love to Shop' voucher. All new applications for Free School Meals will go into a prize draw to win a £100 'Love to Shop' voucher.

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school also gets extra money?

For every child registered Poole High School gets £935 this year.

With this money we could provide more interventions to accelerate children's academic progress as well as interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills.

Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

Are you wondering if your child could be entitled to a Free School Meal?

If you receive any of the following you may be able to have Free School Meals:

- 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit. You must also 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 - 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)

You can apply for Free School Meals online using the following link:-

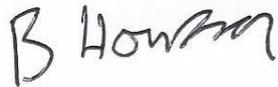
<https://online.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/services/freeschoolmeals/>

BCP council will notify you within a week as to whether you are entitled to receive Free School Meals for your child. They will also send a report to the school to let them know your child has qualified for Free School Meals.

If you have any questions about the Free School Meals application please do not hesitate to contact me by email:- b.howson@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Howson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'B' and a long, sweeping tail.

Billy Howson
Poole High School
(Pupil Premium co-ordinator)