

Walmsley CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Free School Meals

If you are receiving certain benefits, a FREE tasty and nutritious school meal is available for your child at Walmsley Primary School... **BUT YOU MUST APPLY!**

Look at the benefits:

- Contributions from school towards trips and residential visits.
- Subsidised afterschool activities.
- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- Contributions from school towards school uniform.
- Savings for you, worth over £350 a year.
- Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £1,320 a year.

Remember: Just registering your child for Free School Meals means that Walmsley Primary 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 in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 you **STILL NEED TO APPLY** even though your child currently receives a free meal through the infant free meal grant. This grant could cease at any time.

If you want further information then please contact the school office or email at the address above; anything you say will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Many thanks,

Mrs Jo Atherton
Headteacher

Do you qualify?

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

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers 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 you 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 you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Please come and talk to us if you are not sure.

How does it work?

1. Complete the online application - <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform>

OR

Contact the school office to arrange an appointment to help complete the online form.

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 £450 a year) and the school gets extra money to help your child and others in their class.