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Dear Parents/Carers,

Free School Meals

Did you know... just registering your child for Free School Meals means the school gets much needed extra money to help fund your child's education? Register now to make sure you don't miss out.

Every child registered for free school meals makes a big difference to the school.

Please note that this is not the same as the government funded Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) that all children in Reception to Year 2 receive.

Through Free School Meals the Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is also called 'Pupil Premium'. If you are registered for Free School Meals and your child then receives Pupil Premium funding then you could also get **help with the cost of school trips and cost of purchasing school uniform.**

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, follow the below link to register.
3. If you want your child to have extra funding for things like uniform and trips and to continue to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime once they are too old to receive UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) saving you more than £350 a year, and extra benefits.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue to bring a packed lunch – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets extra money.

No one will know that you are registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to the office about registering your child today if you have any questions. Your enquiry will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. Applications are now all made through an online system, if you need help with this then please speak to us.

Are you Eligible?

If you receive these benefits, your child may be eligible:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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 (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less.

Your child may also get free school meals if you receive any of these benefits and your child is younger than the compulsory age for starting school **and** in full-time education.

Please submit an online application via this Citizen's Portal to register your details and you will be kept updated.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals

Are you submitting a brand-new claim?

Please click on apply and include all your school age children in the application.

Further Support

Ready Steady Worcestershire provides holiday activities and food at Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday periods. Eligible benefits related Free School Meal Children can attend these activities free of charge. To find out more and apply for these places, please visit:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-social-care/virtual-family-hub/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

The Worcestershire Virtual Family Hub has been developed to give you a range of different types of resources that are available to you online, on the phone or face to face that you can access directly yourself. To find out more, please visit:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-services/virtual-family-hub>

Click on the link below to apply for Free School Meals:

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Best wishes

Mr Gromski



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