



St Martin's CE Primary School

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Re: Free School Meal Eligibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are aware that many families will be affected by the current cost of living crisis. We want to ensure families are aware of any benefits that may be available to support you at this time.

Universal Infant Free School Meals are automatically offered to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Free school meals are also available to pupils in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 who meet any of following criteria:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- 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 (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

If you receive any of the listed benefits, please complete the attached application form. This will secure extra funding for school which can be used to support your child, as well allowing them to receive a hot meal free of charge. Please complete the application form, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, or does not eat a hot meal, as you will still qualify for the same additional funding and benefits. Pupils that are eligible for free school meals will also receive supermarket vouchers issued during each school holiday, to help with the cost of food during these times.

If your child is already registered for free school meals, you are not required to complete another application.

Best wishes,
Mrs L Saunders

School Business Manager