



# WHITMORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be entitled to Free School Meals, please see below. If you are entitled to any of the benefits below including Universal Credit then you could be entitled.

I am writing to all parents and carers to encourage those who are eligible to apply for Free School Meals. Even if your child is in Reception, Y1 and Y2 and receives Universal Free school meals or your child brings in a packed lunch, we still need parents to apply for Free School Meals so that the school can receive additional funding.

**Applying for a free school meal could raise up to an extra £1320 per annum for six years for your child's school. This is funded by central government and helps to fund valuable teaching and learning support in school (and is still paid to the school even if your entitlement ceases).**

Parents that apply and receive this benefit do not have pay for school visits for all the time the pupil is at the school.

Free school meals are available to children of families who are in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Jobseekers Allowance (income based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income based)
- Guarantee Credit (the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit)
- Universal Credit (UC)
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, **provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit** and have a **total** annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

**Please note:** If you receive Working Tax Credit only, your child is NOT eligible.

You can apply online at: [https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals) or you can complete the attached form and we can apply on your behalf.

#### Why should you apply?

- Although children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meal, when they move into Year 3, this stops and you will have to pay for school dinners. If your child is Pupil Premium, they could still benefit from the school receiving the free school meal funding. UFSM is an entitlement, not a benefit.
- You may get a help with school trips
- Your child will get discount on Extra-Curricular School Clubs.
- The school receives additional funding to support your child and others.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McGibney Head Teacher

## Application for Free School Meals

Name of parent: .....

National Insurance Number: .....

Parent's date of birth: .....

Parent's Email Address: .....

Name of Child: .....

Name of Child: .....

Name of Child: .....

Benefit received: .....

I give permission for Whitmore Park School to apply for free school meals on my behalf:

Signature .....