

Wednesday 25th September 2024

RE: Free School Meals entitlements

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the Mayor of London is funding Free School Meals for all primary school aged children this year, without the need to apply for eligibility. This entitles your child to a school lunch every day.

However, **if you wish to be eligible for free places on the HAF (Holiday and Food) programme, including holidays sports clubs and food vouchers, you need to apply for Free School Meals.** In order to be eligible for this, parents must receive one or more of the following support payments:

- Income Support (IS)
- Jobseekers Allowance Income based (JSAIB)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit, household annual net earned income must not exceed £7,400 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Unfortunately, if you receive Job Seekers Allowance or Employment and Support allowance, which is contribution based, Working tax credit or other benefits are not eligible for free school meals.

You can apply online at

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201111/education_grants_and_financial_assistance/701/free_school_meals and will be notified if your application is successful. **We encourage all those entitled to these benefits to apply for Free School Meals to ensure that you receive holiday food vouchers and access to a wide range of holiday clubs completely free of charge. It may also entitle you to discounted rates on some school trips, including the Year 6 residential.** If you would like to discuss your eligibility further or need support to apply, please contact the school office who are happy to help.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Hasker

Headteacher

