

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Free School Meals eligibility for children at Quest Primary School**

There are two schemes which run for children. These are Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals. Please see below for the difference in the two schemes and **an important link for you to be able to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals.**

#### **Free School Meals (FSM)**

Any child in reception to Year 6 may be eligible for Free School Meals based on the criteria below.

Please can we ask that you check your eligibility for Free School Meals. Parents must meet the criteria detailed below and complete an application form. If you are eligible to claim, we encourage you to do so as each valid claim attracts additional funding to the school.

**In order to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) parents need to complete a simple online eligibility check via this link - [Free School Meal Eligibility Checker \(lgfl.org.uk\)](https://www.lgfl.org.uk)**

For every pupil registered with the council as eligible under the entitlement criteria below, the school will receive additional funding in the school budget called Pupil Premium (£1,345 per child) which is used to help raise achievement levels. This also includes enabling access to facilities, clubs, and subsidising trips and residential. **Siblings are not automatically entitled therefore you would need to re-apply for any younger siblings.** If you do not claim for Free School Meals, then the Pupil Premium funding will not be available for your child (e.g. subsidising the above).




Families who are eligible for FSM include those on:

- income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- 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 (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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### **Universal Free School Meals (UFSM)**

All children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will be eligible for a school meal free of charge, no application is required and there is no additional funding to the school.

From September 2014, all children in eligible year groups are now entitled to Universal Free School Meals. No application is needed but no additional funding is given to your child's school, as per the Pupil Premium. The provision of Universal Free School Meals aims to play a key role in promoting and supporting healthy eating and lifestyles. It enables children to try a wider range of foods, as well as give them the fuel they need for an afternoon of focused and high quality learning.

Yours Sincerely,



Miss J Stawman  
Head of School  
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