



11th January 2022

### **Free School Meals**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. However, **this is different to a child's entitlement to Free School Meals**. If they are entitled to this, they will also be entitled to meal vouchers worth approximately £15 per week, during the school holidays when the government runs this programme. Our school would also receive more funding to support children with resources for learning and for playtimes and lunchtime.

Children in Reception to Year 3 will bring a form home this evening, please fill it out and return it to the school office or hand it to a member of staff tomorrow morning. We can then send it to the council office for you. If you would rather complete the Free School Meals application online please follow the link [here](#).

It is important to remember / know that you have to apply for each of your children. If one of your children is entitled to Free School Meals their siblings do not automatically qualify. You must complete the form for them too.

We are aware that household budgets are tight at the moment. This could be helpful if you are entitled. It is worth completing the form even if you are not sure whether you will be entitled to this benefit.

All children returning the form will be entered into a raffle to win a hamper which will include food items and children's books. Do let the office know if you complete your form online so that we can enter your child's name into the raffle.

Yours sincerely

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