



Longmeadow Primary School

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Dear Year 2 Parents /Carers,

IMPORTANT Information regarding Free School Meals, Milk & other Educational benefits

If a child does not re-apply at the end of Year 2 then they will NOT automatically be eligible for Free School Meals in Years 3 - 6. **Infants do not automatically transfer from the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) register to the Free School Meal (FSM) register so parents will need to re-apply.**

This can be done from 1st of June onwards, via the HCC registration page found at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Free School Meals eligibility rolls over from Reception to the end of Year 2. A new application is needed by the start of Year 3 and this will then roll over until the child leaves school, again assuming that eligibility does not end before this time.

Applying now means your child will benefit in more ways than just the free school meal. Your child will also be able to get free milk. The School receives a lump sum of money per child on free school meals which is then used to better the education of the children and help with funding for the child where possible. For more information on this then please come to see Mrs Higham in the office.

Your child could get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit.**

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 mins** and in most cases they can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

Should you need any other information or help with your application please call in to speak to me in the office or by phone.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachel Higham

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