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Free School Meals

Dear Parents,

We would like to highlight that some of our families may be eligible for free school meals. We recommend that you check your eligibility by using the online link below.

[Free school meals and help with school uniform – Bolton Council](#)

Why should I apply?

- **Shopping Vouchers in the School Holidays** - Currently, the Local Authority are providing shopping vouchers to families at each school holiday. Eligible families receive **£20 per week, per child**, to be used at supermarkets such as Aldi, Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys etc.
- **Extra funding for school** - You may not be aware that claiming free school meals also helps school, as we receive additional pupil premium funding. This funding is spent to increase staffing levels, purchase resources and provide extracurricular activities for our pupils.
- **My child already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals or is on Packed Lunches** - Even if your child currently receives Universal Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, by applying for the funding you will still receive the shopping vouchers during the school holidays and school will receive additional funding. Your child does not have to go onto School Meals and can still have a packed lunch if they prefer.
- **Your child will remain eligible for 6 years** - If your child is eligible for free school meals, they currently remain eligible until they leave primary school. Which means, that if your circumstances change in the future they will still receive a free school meal.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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)

If you would like support to check please call into the school office and we will be happy to assist you. You are more than welcome to arrange to come into school and we can help complete the form with you.

Kind regards

Mr Graves

Head Teacher