

11th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Are you entitled to Free School Meals (FSM)?

All children in KS1 are eligible for free school meals (up to and including year 2). You can also apply for income related free school meals if you are receiving at least one of the following:

- Universal Credit (you're eligible after you've got your first payment)
- Child Tax Credit
- The 'guaranteed element' of Pension Credit
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Income Support
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on

To check your eligibility – please apply via the <u>Citizen Portal</u> or simply call <u>0345 155 1019</u> with your National Insurance number.

In addition to receiving income related FSM, you will also receive support during the school holidays (£15 per child per week) and access to the Devon Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) which provides free activities and food for children in various locations throughout the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. For more information please visit: <u>Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme – Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)</u>

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £1,385 for our school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities

If you have any queries or need support in applying please speak to Mrs Webber.

Regards,

Mr O'Sullivan

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