



Cragside Church of England Primary School

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School Motto:
**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer

31st March 2020

Free School Meals eligibility

Your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is therefore in receipt of universal free school meals.

However, you may also be entitled to **‘benefits related’ Free School Meals**. You may be able to get Free School Meals if you are in receipt of **any** of the following benefits:

- 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 - provided your income is no more than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). This is assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods.

If you are entitled to benefits related Free School Meals, this entitlement may continue through years 3 to 6 (depending on your personal financial situation) which means you would not need to pay for school meals. Additionally, if you are entitled to Free School Meals you would be able to participate in the current Voucher Scheme which the government has just announced to support families during the financial challenges of the Coronavirus.

Vouchers would be available for families who are eligible for free school meals and would assist them financially in the provision of food for children whilst schools are temporarily closed.

If you think you would be entitled to Free School Meals you can apply through Northumberland County Council at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx> or by calling 01670 623592. If you have any queries or need any further assistance, please contact one of the school’s admin team at admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

School Admin Team