



Dear Parents,

17th December 2020

Do you know if your child is eligible for Free School Meals? There are benefits for parents, pupils and the school. Savings for the parent as the meal is provided to the child free of charge. The school receives additional funding via Pupil Premium

Capita's Online Free School Meals system is an online system that allows parents to put their child's details in the system. The system does an instant check for FSM eligibility, allowing the school to record the pupil as FSM in our SIMS system.

Some families may be entitled to Free School meals but not realise it. If you have not yet done so we are therefore encouraging families to apply for Free School Meals Even if you don't believe that you are eligible for FSM, please complete the form as the system will check with the government regularly and if your situation changes in the future, it will notify us straight away that your child requires free school meals.

The site provides the school with the eligibility status for all the children in the school, but for the system to work we need your help initially.

The link for registering your details is - <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral>
Eligibility is based on one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for the Working Tax credit.

To complete the application, you will need to provide the following:

Your name, National Insurance Number **or** National Asylum Support Service reference number, your date of birth, your email address, home telephone number, home address, child's name, child's date of birth, child's gender and the school that they attend.

If the government gives you access to Free School Meals, not only do you benefit by receiving a free meal each day for your child, but our school will receive Pupil Premium which will help to directly benefit your child's education in school. The school will continue to receive the funds irrespective of whether or not the free meal is actually taken up.

Even if you currently receive Free School Meals, please complete the form so that we can check this against our existing data for your child. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Arnold
Headteacher