

Bottisham Community Primary School



Headteacher: Rachael Johnston

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Free School Meals – Year 2 to Year 3 transition

As your child will be moving into Key Stage 2 in September, they will no longer be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. If your child has a school meal from September, you will be charged at a rate of £2.30 per meal.

For some families, this additional charge can result in financial pressure. If you feel that this may apply to you, then it is a good idea to find out if you are eligible to claim free school meals.

Families who are currently paying for school meals will save around £400 a year for each primary school child if they are entitled to free school meals. Our school system means it is impossible for other pupils to know who is receiving free school meals.

Families can claim free school meals if they are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but who are not entitled to working tax credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit

When you apply for free school meals, the school is also able to receive Pupil Premium funding which is allocated to support children from families with lower incomes.

You can apply for free school meals online by following the link below:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/help-with-school-&-learning-costs/free-school-meals/

Alternatively, a paper application form can be completed which is attached with this letter.

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If your child has been eligible for free school meals in the past, we would encourage you to reapply as we have found that in some cases the eligibility has expired at the end of the school year and parents have ended up being charged for meals which they thought would be free.

If you have any queries, please speak to a member of the school office who would be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,

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