

‘Achieving Excellence through Leadership’

GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all well and staying safe.

We understand that things have changed for quite a few of you during this current pandemic and some of your finances maybe really stretched. We would like to make you aware of the criteria to qualify for Free School Meals and what this means for you at Giles Junior School. Currently the Government are also offering shopping vouchers for the children that are unable to attend school at the moment. The entitlement is £15.00 per week for each child to use at a supermarket of your choice.

You may qualify for free school meals for your child (and due to extra funding given to the school) this may also enable you to have savings off clubs, trips and other activities

- If you are currently eligible for FSM you will receive **all** clubs free of charge and some trips.
- Free milk
- If you have been eligible in the last 6 years (but not currently) you will receive **50% off** clubs and some trips.

You may qualify for FSM's if you receive any of the following:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child tax credit (providing you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Pension Credit
- Support under part V1 of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

You can apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

Or contact **0300 123 4048**.

If you need any further help or advice regarding Free School Meals, then please contact a member of the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. Brown

Office Manager

