

Dear Parent/Carer

June 2018

Do you qualify for Free School Meals? You could help raise extra funds for the school by registering if you are eligible. **Please note: if you already receive Free School Meals you do not need to reapply.**

We are writing to ask if you have considered whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals. Having a funded meal each day will help you as a family and is actioned in school in a way which is highly confidential. Even if your child does not have the Free School Meal, the school will receive funding when your application has been successful.

You may not be aware that we receive extra funding, known as Pupil Premium, for all children who are recorded as being eligible to receive Free School Meals. This funding is urgently needed to support the additional services we offer our children and to ensure everyone is able to achieve their potential.

If you are receiving any of the following benefits then you may qualify:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers 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 – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

From 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants will continue to receive free school meals while Universal Credit is rolled out. This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold during that time. In addition, any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period. The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2022.

To apply for Free School Meals, please visit

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

where you will find additional guidance and a link to apply for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium.

With the introduction of the Universal Credit scheme there is some confusion over who will qualify for Free School Meals; we recommend applying to secure this opportunity.

If you would like some help or access to a computer we can help you. Please come into school and speak to reception.

We hope that as many parents/carers as possible will check to see if they qualify.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Edmonds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Mr A Edmonds
Headteacher