



## IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

Dear Parents

As you will probably be aware, all children in the Reception classes and Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a free school meal as part of the government Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative.

However, the school may be missing out on essential funding if eligible families, who would have previously been entitled to the original free school meals, no longer make an application. The school may still be able to receive Pupil Premium funding (previously free school meal benefit) for these families, which can then be used to support your child's education.

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed overleaf, we would urge you please to apply for the Pupil Premium Funding. **The good news is that we can help you with this.** If you are able to provide us with your name, date of birth and National Insurance number, together with your child's name, we could apply to Cornwall Council on your behalf to see if you are eligible. Please complete the slip below. Naturally, all applications are confidential. (If you currently have a Free School Meals claim in place with Cornwall Council, no further action is necessary).

It is extremely important that everyone who is eligible applies. The money is there to be granted but if it is not applied for, the children could miss out on additional resources and opportunities.

The school also receives extra funding for children if either of the parents are in the forces – if you think this applies to you and we don't know about it, please come in and let us know at the office.

Thank you so much for your support with this very important issue.

Yours sincerely  
Chris Chislett - Headteacher

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YOUR NAME .....

NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER .....

YOUR DATE OF BIRTH .....

CHILD'S NAME .....

## Qualifying Benefits

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you (or the child themselves in their own right) is in receipt of any of the following benefits.

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- 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) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

Please note that anyone claiming **Working Tax Credit**, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance is **NOT** eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed. However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.