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Dear Parent/Carer

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**Apply for Free School Meals...**  
**it's quick and easy using the online form at:**  
**<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>**

If you are receiving certain benefits, a **FREE** tasty and nutritious school meal is available for your child at Abbeys Primary - **BUT YOU MUST APPLY!**

The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a smartphone or hand held device, please ensure that when you register you include every child that attends Abbeys on your application. Even if your child is in Foundation, Years 1 and 2 and receiving universal infant free school meals you should still apply.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on **31 March 2022**.

If you are eligible it means we can claim Pupil Premium for your child, this is additional funding for the school, provided by the Government, to pay for targeted support for learning. In some cases this could provide more individualised resources or support where needed. We will still receive the extra funding even if you don't take up the free meal and no one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If you have any queries, difficulties accessing the internet or would like us to check your eligibility with the correct documentation, please speak to a member of the Office Team or email at the address above; your query will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sophie Good  
Headteacher

## DO YOU QUALIFY?

Your child will be eligible for Free School Meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Employment & Support Allowance - Income related
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (**NOT Contribution Based JSA**)
- Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190 per annum as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) **Please note, anyone receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of income, will NOT qualify for FSMs.**
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid 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 receive)
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Checking whether you qualify and registering is really quick and easy - do it online at:

**<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>**

or you can complete the attached form and return to school for us to apply for you.

2. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great - they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year). To order a school meal you can do so online via Parent Pay, if you require another activation letter please speak to a member of the Office Team.
3. If you don't want your child to have a free school meal they can continue as normal - as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still receives the extra money.
4. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on **31 March 2022**.