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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

## **Autumn 2020 – Free School Meals (FSM)**

### **Eligibility criteria**

We are writing to you to make you aware of the current eligibility criteria for your child/children to receive a Free School Meal. We are very aware that due to the current situation the country finds itself in your circumstances may have changed and we therefore encourage you to check the criteria outlined below.

If your child is in Year 3 or above they can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- 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 State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If any of the above do apply to you the link below will take you directly to the Hertfordshire County council website where in most cases they will be able to tell you straightaway if your child can get free school meals. You as the parent/carer must complete this, however should you need any support with this please contact our family support worker Mrs Rumbol ([sru@johnwarner.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sru@johnwarner.herts.sch.uk)).

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).

The school is also able to support families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) to make an application for a FSM if you wish to do so. This is a temporary extension of the free school meal eligibility to include some groups who have NRPF. The groups that this applies to are:

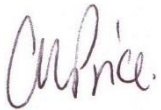
- children of Zambrano carers
- children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- children of a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. This group is not subject to a maximum household income threshold as these families are not able to work.
- These groups are subject to a maximum household income threshold of £31,500 per year for London, and £28,200 for areas outside of London. See the London or outside London section if you are unsure as to which threshold applies for your circumstances.

Visit [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for full details.

**If your child/children currently receive a free school meal**

If your child/children who currently receive a free school meal are absent due to self-isolating, please contact the school so that we can organise for their meal to still be provided. Please contact Mrs Wood in the school office ([kwo@johnwarner.herts.sch.uk](mailto:kwo@johnwarner.herts.sch.uk)) who will be able to take your meal order and organise with you the most suitable way for this to be collected.

Yours faithfully



**Clare Price**

Assistant Headteacher Vulnerable Pupils