



Westlands Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will already know your child has been entitled to receive a free school meal under the Government's initiative to provide all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a school dinner.

Now that your child is moving up into Year 3 they will no longer be entitled to a free school dinner unless they qualify for means-tested free school meals. If you are in receipt of the following benefits your child will be eligible:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please complete the application form on the KCC website for free school meals if you think you may be eligible as soon as possible. <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/apply>

If you are eligible for means-tested free school meals, you will also be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This means that the school will receive additional funding to purchase more resources for your child's education and it is therefore vitally important that you complete the enclosed form ***even if your child wishes to bring a packed lunch from home.***

We actively promote a healthy, balanced diet here at Westlands Primary and offer high-quality meat, poultry, or oily fish, fruit and vegetables, and bread or other cereals and potatoes on a daily basis.

If your child is NOT entitled to free school meals, you must book and pay for their meals on Parent Pay by the end of day before at the very latest.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Pettett
Head of School