

# Meadowside School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: School Meals

Please note that if you are sending a cheque for your child's dinner money it must now be made out to: **Wirral Council**.

If you are receiving certain benefits, a **FREE** tasty and nutritious school meal is available for your child at Meadowside School, but you **must apply**. It is quick and easy using the online form at:

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

The benefits are:

- \* A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- \* Savings for you, worth over £350 a year.
- \* Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £900 a year.

Remember, just registering your child for Free School Meals means that Meadowside School receives the extra money even if you do not take up the free meal. No-one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please sign and return the attached Consent Form for Meadowside School to apply on your behalf. If you want further information then please contact Meadowside School office.

Yours sincerely

Paula Wareing  
Head Teacher



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## Do you qualify?

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

- \* Income Support
- \* Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- \* Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- \* Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- \* The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- \* Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- \* Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can qualify for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

Come and talk to us if you're not sure.

## 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-wirral/>

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) and the school gets extra money to help your child and others in their class.
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 gets the extra money.**



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OFSM Check - Consent Form

I agree that you will use the information provided to process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial, and ongoing, entitlement.

I agree that the information may be used to ensure accuracy of records across the local authority and the check against fraud.

I agree that you can inform the school(s) attended by my child of their initial and ongoing entitlement to free school meals.

Eligibility is based on one of the following benefits:

- \* Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net 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 IV 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

To complete an application you will need to provide:

Your name	
National Insurance number or National Asylum Support Service Ref Number	
Your date of birth	
Relationship to child	
Your email	
Your phone number	
Home address (first line and post code)	
Child's name	
Child's Date of Birth	
Child's gender	
School that they attend	

Signed:.....

Date:.....

