



MEDINA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Have you applied for Free School Meals?

It is a good idea to apply for free school meals (FSM) even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a 'universal' free school meal (UIFSM), if they have a packed lunch, or even if you think you are not currently eligible.

If you apply for free school meals, and are successful, you will automatically be able to apply for a supermarket voucher later this school year from your child's school, funded through the Household Support Fund (HSF).

If you are not currently eligible, but your income drops below the eligibility threshold in the future, your application will be automatically re-checked, and you will be awarded free school meals, so you don't need to remember to apply again. Under the current Universal Credit rules, if your wages are usually too high to qualify, but you have a month where you earn less than the eligibility threshold amount, your child will carry on being entitled to free school meals even after your earnings increase again, until they finish primary or secondary school.

To apply for free school meals, please click [here](#).

In addition, if you are currently eligible for free school meals and did not receive a £70 voucher from your school this summer, you will also be able to claim a £70 Household Support Fund family voucher when the scheme opens on Monday 25th September 2023. There is a separate application process for this voucher. You can register to receive information about the scheme when it opens [here](#).

For every child registered for free school meals by the school census date of Thursday 5th October 2023 our school will receive additional funding from the government which is used to help provide the best education and opportunities for pupils. It is therefore in everyone's interests to ensure families and schools can claim all the financial support they are entitled to.

Please, I urge you, follow the links and apply for your child – even if you do not believe you are currently entitled.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please email the address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

H J Payne
Headteacher

