

Monday 23rd September

Dear Parent/Carer

Claiming Free School Meals

We are writing to all parents and carers to remind you of the opportunity to receive additional support and funding for your child if you are eligible and receive one of the benefits below:

What are eligibility criteria?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or carers receive any of the benefits below:

- 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are 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 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 get)

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, submit a claim to us or local authority using <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx#year3>.

If you are eligible, we will be notified, and your child will receive free school meals, and the school will receive extra funding. All school meals are required to meet the nutritional standards set out by the School Food Trust. Our school meals are fresh, healthy, nutritious, and varied. Our school is working with Aspens Services and the meal menu for 2024/5 is available to view [HERE](#)

Where can I get more information?

If you need any further information, please

- visit the free school meal website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- speak to Hertfordshire County Council, who administer free school meals for the county.
- speak to Mrs K Jones, Finance Manager, jonesk@haileyburyturnford.com if you have issues with your ParentPay account

If you need any help or support in applying for Free School Meals, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Team.

[Click Here](#) to apply for Free School Meals and see if you are eligible.

Yours faithfully



Mrs M Goodes

Senior Vice Principal

