

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

YOU MAY NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHTIME MEAL

You could be saving £11.50 per week, per child, that's around £448.50 per year and over £2,242.50 over 5 years!

At Hurworth Primary School we are committed to working with students and their families to ensure that they are fully supported in their learning. We recognise that this extends beyond the class room and we want to make sure that the health, wellbeing and opportunities for learning for all of our students is the best that it can be.

One of the ways that we can do this is to make sure that everyone who is eligible for free school meals completes the attached form, even if your child is on a packed lunch the school will still be able to claim the premium if you are eligible. We know that parents are asked to complete many forms for school but this information is very important to us and will have an impact on the amount of money coming into school, from the government.

You may be aware that all Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils (Reception – Year 2) have become entitled to Universal Free School Meals, however, completion of these forms is still required so that school can benefit from additional funding.

This additional funding (known as the pupil premium) is for families who receive certain benefits. This money may then be used to offer extra-curricular activities. It is in **all** our interests that we bring in as much money as we can to support our school and ensure all our children get the best possible education.

To help your child and your school, we can do a very quick eligibility check, for this additional funding, via Durham County Council.

For the whole of the time your child is in our school this is the only information we will need to check **unless your surname changes (and therefore are asking all parents, no matter what your current circumstances are to complete the attached)**. Please rest assured that the information you provide is confidential and will be treated with the strictest confidence and safe keeping.

Please do not worry if your circumstances change, you can apply for free school meals at any time.

Applying for free school meals

I should be grateful if you would complete the attached form and return it to me in the school office, at your earliest convenience and we will do the rest. If your child is entitled to receive the additional funding and a free school meal we will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

Other services that may be available to you if you claim free school meals...

School music service instrument hire

If your child is eligible for free school meals then you do not have to pay for the hire of their musical instrument. Contact school for more details.

Music lessons

In Darlington most schools are able to offer free or subsidised lessons to those eligible for free school meals. Contact us to see if we are able to subsidise instrumental/vocal lessons.

Kind Regards
Mrs Kukielka





FSM ENTITLEMENT VERIFICATION CHECK

HURWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NAME OF PUPIL	YEAR GROUP

SURNAME OF PARENT/CARER WHO IS IN RECEIPT OF AN ELIGIBLE BENEFIT.

NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER OF PARENT/CARER WHO IS IN RECEIPT OF AN ELIGIBLE BENEFIT.

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DATE OF BIRTH OF PARENT/CARER

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OR

ASYLUM SEEKER'S REFERENCE 9 DIGIT NUMBER _____

PLEASE TICK WHICH BENEFIT YOU ARE CLAIMING

<input type="checkbox"/>	Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7,400
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

I hereby give consent to a check for Free School Meals eligibility, via Durham County Council's Benefit Systems and the Department for Education's online service which includes data from HMRC and DWP. (Communication with Durham County Council may be subject to monitoring and recording.) I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the school if I no longer receive the relevant benefit.

PARENT/CARER'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS

For School/Academy Use Only

Approved/Not Approved Date: Year Completed by

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT ENTITLEMENT

Please note a separate application must be made to the School Transport section

A national policy provides extended rights to pupils eligible for free school meals or whose parents receive their maximum level of Working Tax Credit. This provides transport for:

Primary pupils aged 8 but under age 11 years: The nearest suitable school, where that school is more than 2 miles away from the child's home.