



Wheatcroft Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers

School Meals

We hope your child has enjoyed the healthy variety & choice of free school meals that the Government has been providing for all Key Stage 1 children since September 2015.

Unfortunately, as your child is now in Key Stage 2 this free provision is no longer available. Your child may continue to enjoy the variety of meals that we have on offer at a daily cost of £2.60.

We would also advise you that if you or your partner are in receipt of any of the following benefits you may still be able to claim free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get). This includes those who had free school meals whilst on Universal Credit before April 1st 2018 even if earnings are above that £7400 figure. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until March 2023, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that's after March 2023.

The application process for the new academic year is open. It is very easy to check your entitlement, either by telephone on 0300 123 4048 or via the internet on www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. Alternatively you may wish to complete the information attached to this letter and we will attempt to apply on your behalf.

It would be appreciated if you would kindly complete the attached form confirming your child's meal arrangements for the new academic year, together with the benefits section if appropriate by **Friday 17 September**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Miller
Headteacher



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School Meals Provision 2021/22

Child's Name:

Please tick the appropriate statements below:

My child will continue to have meals on a daily basis

My child will have meals on an ad hoc basis and I have set up the appropriate payment method in School Grid/Live Kitchen

We will provide a packed lunch from home

Signed..... Dated.....

We are in receipt of one of the benefits as indicated below – please apply on our behalf.

I am or my partner is in receipt of the following benefits: (please tick)

- Income Support []
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance []
- Pension Credit (Guaranteed Credit element) []
- (Income-Related) Employment Support Allowance []
- Child Tax Credit with income below £16,190 []
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7400) []

Full Name of person receiving the benefit:

Address:

Date of birth of person receiving the benefit:

National Insurance Number:.....

OR

Asylum Seekers Number:.....

I give permission for Wheatcroft School to register my details.

Signature.....Date.....