



Dear Parents/Carers,

### Free School Meals and additional funding

*Would you like your child to receive free school uniform, a free extra-curricular club place, free school visits, free swimming lessons, free music lessons and a free hot meal at school..... to name but a few?*

West Sussex County Council has made it much simpler to see if you are eligible for extra funding help. Follow this link and complete the application form to find out if you are eligible:

[http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learning/schools\\_ages\\_4-16/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learning/schools_ages_4-16/free_school_meals.aspx)

The criteria for receiving this funding depends if you are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned 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 Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an assessed income below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you are not eligible for free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and you need not apply.

If your child is registered under this scheme, the school receives proportionally more funding. With this extra money, we can improve provision for your child as listed above.

Please take the time to see if you are eligible.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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