

Important School Meals Information

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period, after a high-profile campaign by footballer Marcus Rashford.

The Government says 1.3 million children in England will benefit from its COVID-19 Summer Food Fund. The food vouchers will be worth £15 per week per eligible child.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman said: "Owing to the coronavirus pandemic the Prime Minister fully understands that children and parents face an entirely unprecedented situation over the summer. To reflect this we will be providing a **COVID-19 Summer Food Fund**. This will provide food vouchers covering the six-week holiday period. This is a specific measure to reflect the unique circumstances of the pandemic. The scheme will not continue beyond the summer and those eligible will be those who already qualify for free school meals."

Nightingale Community Academy has facilitated free school meal vouchers to eligible families or arranged for meals or food parcels to be delivered when learners are unable to attend school. Further, we want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn. Our Partnership with **Chef's in Schools** has enabled us to have the absolute best quality produce and foods prepared by a qualified Chef.

With the new government announcement that food vouchers will be provided for all families eligible for Free School Meals this summer, it is important that we have the most up to date information for you to confirm your eligibility for the vouchers.

You may not be aware that Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Additionally, by simply registering for free school meals, you could help raise an extra **£1,320** for your child's primary school or **£900** for your child's secondary school every year. This funding is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

We use this to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional staff, specialist Numeracy and Literacy teachers, equipment or after school activities. To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. We ask for you to complete this form and return it to school. If you have questions or need help with the form please feel free to contact us on the number above.

Yours faithfully,

Jimmy Brownell
Assistant Principal

ABOUT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Child's Date of Birth			Name of School
		DD	MM	YYYY	
		DD	MM	YYYY	
		DD	MM	YYYY	
		DD	MM	YYYY	

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS:

	Parent/Guardian 1						Parent/Guardian 2					
Last name												
First Name												
Date of Birth	DD		MM		YYYY		DD		MM		YYYY	
National Insurance Number*												
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number*			/			/			/			/
Daytime Telephone Number												
Mobile Number												
Address												
	Postcode:						Postcode:					

FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFIT DETAILS

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, please place an X in this box.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

Universal Credit

If you are in receipt of **Universal Credit**, is your net earned family income over £7,400 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box).

Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions. It does **not** include income through Universal Credit or other benefits that you may receive.

Yes No Unsure

Child Tax Credit

If you are in receipt of **Child Tax Credit**, is your joint gross annual income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box).

Your joint gross income is your household income before taxes are taken into account.

Yes No Unsure

If you're not sure whether you receive one of the listed benefits, or what your household income is, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals, please place an X in this box.

DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date:

Thank you for completing this form so we can identify if you are eligible for the Summer Free School Meals Voucher as well as helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible. To learn how we spent this money last year please read the **Pupil Premium Report** by visiting our website at www.nightingleca.org

How the information in this form will be used:

The information you provide in this form will only be used by the local council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money the school is entitled to receive each year. The information will also be used in relation to pupils in year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. You should contact the school or local authority if you have a change in financial circumstances.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.