

31st March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well in these very challenging times.

We are very keen that we are keeping in regular contact with all of our families and continue to provide you with information and support.

In these constantly changing times it is important that you receive everything that you may be entitled to. I am therefore sending you a link below if your circumstances have changed in any way so that you can check your eligibility for meals. Please click on the link that will take you direct to the portal you need. We will regularly check on our side of the portal and contact parents who have recently been added. All information is confidential and subject to our GDPR regulations on data control.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

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're 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)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

younger than the <u>compulsory age for starting school</u> in full-time education

 $\underline{https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/63836/free-school-meals-eligibility-checking-service}$

Any problems with the site or any questions regarding this letter should be directed to <u>-</u> <u>debra.moore@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk</u> I am available at any time including throughout the Easter Holidays.

Best wishes

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