



# THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Check Free School Meals Eligibility

As a school, we are aware that many families are struggling financially, yet may not be aware of additional funding the school can gain to support children. If your child meets the criteria of this additional funding, they can gain the following benefits:

- Money is put on your child's meal account at school to buy a cooked meal each day;
- We will purchase your child one set of revision guides for the GCSE subjects that they study;
- We will pay 50% of the cost of school trip, up to a total amount of £100 a year;
- We will contribute up to £62 for a child in year 7, 9 or 10 to help purchase their uniform.

To check your eligibility, please go the following link from Hampshire County Council:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

It will ask you to enter your name and date of birth, contact details, National Insurance number or National Asylum Seekers Number, your child's name and date of birth, and the school they are attending. Once you have submitted this form, Hampshire will contact us directly if you are eligible. You will then be able to claim the benefits listed above.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' 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, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- 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).

Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact James Hutson at [j.hutson@arnewood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.hutson@arnewood.hants.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully

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