



Dear Parents

### **ENTITLEMENT TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**Please do register even if your child is not going to have school dinners, as part of the schools' budget is determined by the number of children eligible for Free School Meals.**

If you are in receipt of 'support' payments, such as those following -

- 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 (provided you are 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 your earned income was £616.67 or less in your last monthly assessment period, or less than an average of £616.67 a month over the last 2 or 3 monthly assessment periods

You can apply for free school meals online at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk/fsmapplication](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/fsmapplication).

Under current rules, if your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish primary education with no further eligibility checks. Application forms are also available from the School Office (or from the Portsmouth City Council website). All infant age children will automatically be entitled to Universal Free School Meals at lunchtime but by completing the application if you are in receipt of one of the above you will be helping increase the funds received by the school.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs C Jacobs  
Headteacher



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