

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Entitlement to Free School Meals**

Whilst at infant school (from Reception to Year 2) all children were automatically entitled to free meals at school. Unfortunately, when they reach junior school (from Year 3 to Year 6) they do not automatically qualify for a free meal. From Year 3 onwards, only those parents who meet the following criteria are eligible to claim free meals for their child. Parents would also be required to order their child's meals via the Good Lookin' Cookin' website as school is unable to do this for parents. Please follow this link to order meals - <a href="https://www.goodlookincookin.co.uk/">https://www.goodlookincookin.co.uk/</a>

Your child may be eligible if you are in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying 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 Jobseeker's 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're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income
  of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
  Children, who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free
  school meals.

To check if your child would be entitled to free meals at school you would need to:

- 1. Go to the Lincolnshire County Council's website: <a href="https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/">https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/</a>
- 2. In the search box in the top right hand corner of the page type 'free school meals' and press 'search'.
- 3. Click on 'Free school meals Eligibility checking service'.
- **4.** Follow the instructions detailed on line.

When you have completed the application process, please let us know so that we can check on our system. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any help or more information.

We look forward to welcoming your child into Year 3 in September.

Yours sincerely, MYS D eWOffice Manager









