



Cassiobury Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Free School Meals plus potential additional financial support for music lessons, trips and clubs

As all children now receive Universal Infant Free School Meals whilst in Reception to Year 2 it is important for parents and carers eligible for free school meals to ensure they are registered for this before their child starts in Year 3. If you are eligible but not registered for free school meals, you will be charged for any school meals your child has. Please note that even if you have registered for free school meals whilst your child has been in Year 2 you need to re-apply as automatic renewal **does not** occur between different schools.

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)

If you do receive any of the above please apply online via the Hertfordshire County Council website <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> to check to see if your child is eligible – it only takes five minutes and in most cases you will get an answer straight away. You will need to have your National Insurance number when you apply.

PLEASE NOTE – it is in your child's interest to apply for free school meals even if they do not want to have school meals as the school receives additional funding for any pupil who has been eligible for free school meals in the last six years (excluding Universal Infant Free School Meals).

This funding, known as Pupil Premium, can be used to support the costs of, amongst other things, music lessons, trips and clubs – ***please see Pupil Premium Leaflet*** - <https://www.cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk/pupil-premium/>

If you are eligible to receive Free School Meals, please email admin@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk ASAP and do not book school dinners until the Junior School Office has contacted you.

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry
Headteacher

'Learning to learn, growing together, ready for the future!'