



ALVESTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Free School Meals

As you may be aware, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) scheme. However, this is not the same as being eligible for a welfare based free school meal which is dependant on the parents claiming a qualifying benefit.

Families who receive the following are eligible for free school meals:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

If you think you are entitled to receive free school meals for your child you should apply through Warwickshire County Council www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Once your application has been accepted the school receives extra income in our budget for these pupils (also known as Pupil Premium).

Even though children in Reception and KS1 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals we strongly encourage you to register for Free School Meals if you are eligible, as the school will receive funding which can be used towards other benefits for your child which may include:

- ✓ Financial support towards educational trips
- ✓ Access to additional support for your child's learning and/or well-being
- ✓ Financial support towards instrumental tuition
- ✓ Financial help towards outside providers of after school clubs

If parents do not register we lose this extra funding which is used to support your child's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Clewley
Headteacher