### **Dear Parents and Carers**



# Apply for Free School Meals... It's quick and easy using the online form at:

https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/

If you are receiving certain benefits, a FREE tasty and nutritious school meal is available for your children at Priory Rise School...BUT YOU MUST APPLY even if you already qualify and are receiving Free School Meals or have previously applied! This is a new system instead of the Local Authority system and we need to ensure that all children that are entitled are on the new system.

#### Look at the benefits:

- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- Savings for you, worth over £350 a year.
- Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £900 a year.

Remember. Just registering your child for Free School Meals means that Priory Rise School receives the extra money even if you don't take up the free meal. No one will know you have registered, and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If you would like further information, then please talk to Anne-Marie Bone in the office or email at the address below; everything you say will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely

Covine Berham-Smith

Corinne Benham-Smith Headteacher





## Do you qualify?

Your child will be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- 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 Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Come and talk to us if you're not sure.

## How does it work?

1. Checking whether you qualify, and registering is really quick and easy – you can do it online at:

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- 2. If you would like your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year) and the school gets extra money to help your child and others in their class.
- 3. If you don't want your child to have a free school meal they can continue as normal as long as you qualify, and are registered, the school still gets the extra money.

