



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

During this extremely challenging time, I felt it important to reiterate to all our families that school is always here to help, you are all part of the St Patrick's family and we will always do whatever we can to support you. If you feel for whatever reason you are beginning to struggle, PLEASE contact school either through the office number (above) or to my email:

head.stpatricksbirstall@kirkleeseducation.uk and we will plan together how school can help.

If you are finding that your financial position has changed, you may now be eligible for some support through the benefit system – it is certainly worth finding out. Should you become eligible for any of the following support:

- 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)

You will also be eligible for Free School Meals and I ask you to **PLEASE apply**. This will enable school to arrange for you to receive a supermarket voucher (Supermarket of your choice) each week for all children of school age, to the value of £15 per child, per week. I have added the links below so that you can apply to the local authority linked to your home postcode – either Kirklees, Leeds or Bradford.

Kirklees Free School Meals Application Form

https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Schools_and_education [Apply for free school meals](#)

Leeds Free School Meals Application Form

<https://leeds-hbnewclaim.egovhub.net/HBNewClaim/launch>





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Bradford Free School Meals Application Form

https://online.bradford.gov.uk/ufs/FREE_SCHOOL_MEALS.eb?ebd=0&ebp=10&ebz=1_1587985828702

School will usually be contacted with 48 hours of a successful application and I can action the voucher support straight away. All this information regarding Free School Meals is also on our school website: Parents tab – Our School Meals and scroll down the page.

On return to school children would then be eligible for a free school dinner each day and free milk if they would like some.

There are of course significant benefits to school also as we receive some additional funding which enables us to ensure we continue to have high staffing levels (particularly maintaining the Educational Teaching Assistants provision in each class) and high quality interventions and resources to enable all pupils to have great outcomes, reaching their potential.

If you are not eligible for this support but are struggling at this time, PLEASE contact me by email (above) as I do have other avenues I can use to gain some support for you and your family, one of these being Catholic Care who we have used as a school for many years.

This letter comes with the very best intentions to ensure you all feel you can reach out for help and know we will do EVERYTHING we can to support you and your family.

With kind regards

Mrs Clare Moulding

Headteacher

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