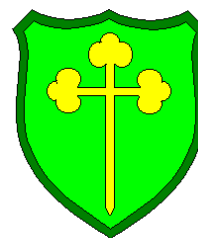


# Gosbecks Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## KS2 Pupils

### Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?

In the current economic climate many people, through no fault of their own, have found themselves to be unemployed or in low paid jobs. If you are in this position you should consider applying for Free School Meals. If you are successful with your application your child would be entitled to a free school meal every day although you are still welcome to "pick and choose" if your child would prefer to bring packed lunch in to school (although ordering would still need to be done in advance, by the 8.55am on the Thursday before the meals are taken.) This information is confidential and neither the catering staff, nor other children are aware of who is in receipt of free school meals.

If your child eats at school every day **you could save up to £448.50 in a school year!**

**Even if you choose not to take the free meals, we would ask you to please consider applying anyway BY THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER as the school as a whole benefits.** For each pupil who is recorded as being eligible, the school also receives **Pupil Premium**. This is valuable funding (last year we received in the range of £90,000) which will help your child as we are able to purchase extra resources that support them and the other children in the school with their learning.

To be eligible you must be receiving one of the following:

- Income Support or Income-based Job Seekers Allowance;
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of less than £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

You are not eligible if you receive any amount of Working Tax Credit although you are eligible if you are receiving Working Tax Credit 'run-on'.



**If you are granted Free School Meals, please be aware that your child would also be eligible to receive a free carton of milk to drink each day.** If you would like milk provided, please complete the attached form and we will register for this on your behalf.

Applications can quickly and easily be made on line via the Essex County Council website or there is a link on the Gosbecks website via our "Menu" tab. (All that is needed is your national insurance number). If you do not have access to the internet, please ask at the office and you can make your application through school.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs J Mitchell  
Headteacher**

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**Request for free milk**

Child's name ..... Class (Sep 2017) .....

I have applied for, and been granted, free school meals for my child.

Please register him/her for free milk at school.

Parent's name .....

Signature .....

Date .....