

East Riding of Yorkshire Council
North Ferriby C of E School

**“A Christian school with
children at its heart”**



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Dear Parents/Carers

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium - Are You Eligible?

Currently all pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2 receive free school meals paid by government funding. This provision is called Universal Free School Meals (UFSM).

However, in addition to UFSM, parents on low incomes or those who are unemployed can also apply for Free School Meals for children of any school age including Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. An extra benefit of eligibility for Free School Meals is that it also provides automatic eligibility for Pupil Premium Funding, unlike UFSM.

Pupil Premium Funding can give eligible children access to some discounted educational visits and activities as well as enabling school to purchase any additional resources or staff to support their learning.

Currently our school receives an extra £1,320 for each child eligible for Pupil Premium Funding. However, we are aware that some families are not taking advantage of their entitlement because they have not registered for Free School Meals with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

We therefore strongly urge all families to consider making an application for Free School Meals if they think they may qualify (see eligibility criteria below) and, as a “thank you” for making a successful application, your child can claim a free item of uniform of your choice, subject to availability.

If you receive any of the following benefits, your children are entitled to Free School Meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker’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 your annual income (assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190* and you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit

**This amount may be subject to change every April*

To apply for Free School Meals please contact our school office, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council’s benefits section or visit an East Riding of Yorkshire Council customer service centre for an application form. Alternatively you can download an application form at www.eastriding.gov.uk (find under the A-Z index - “free school meals”).

We hope that all eligible families with children at our school will exercise their right to apply for Free School Meals and take full advantage of all the extra benefits in addition to a freshly cooked, healthy meal prepared by our school cook each day.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Orr
Headteacher