



Temple Meadow
Primary School
Our Ref: AVS/CH

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Changes to Free School Meals (Year 3)

Dear Families of Year 3 children,

I hope you are all enjoying the new school year.

I am writing to you today to provide an important reminder regarding **school meals** for children in Key Stage 2.

As your child has now moved into Year 3, they are now in Key Stage 2. This means that the universal infant free school meal program, which provides free meals to all pupils in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, will no longer apply.

If your child wishes to continue having school dinners and you do not qualify for free school meals based on your household income, you will need to pay for them. The cost of a school dinner is £2.70.

What do you need to do?

If your child previously received a universal infant free school meal, please check to see if you are eligible for **income-based free school meals** for Key Stage 2.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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)

If you think you may be eligible, please collect and complete a Free School Meals form from our School Office.

If you are not eligible, please ensure your child has a packed lunch or that you are making payments for your child's school dinner in advance using the MCAS app.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Van Straaten
Headteacher

