



## Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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### The Pinvin Federation Information for Parents

#### COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions: Free School Meals

We believe it's important that every family is able to access the support they are entitled to during this period.

In this article, we explain who is eligible for what and how eligible parents and carers can apply for free school meal vouchers.

#### Free School Meals vs Universal Infant Free School Meals

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) is different to free school meals. UIFSM is available to all children in reception class, year 1, and year 2. Unfortunately, we have not been given funding to provide vouchers for families eligible for UIFSM. However, even if you had been receiving UIFSM, you may still be eligible for Free School Meals, and should apply to register through your local council.

#### Free School Meal Eligibility

During these uncertain times the working situation for many families may well have changed recently, and as a result, your child's eligibility for free school meals may also have changed. Your child may be eligible if you are entitled to 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)

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- 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)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

**Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:**

- Younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- In full-time education
- If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

More information about eligibility can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

**How to Register:**

Please use this link to apply online <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Alternatively, if you do not have online access please contact the school office at [office@pinvinfed.co.uk](mailto:office@pinvinfed.co.uk)

We hope this guidance is helpful in supporting all of our families to get the extra help they may need in these challenging times

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