



UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT – IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Hundreds of our families in school are entitled to free school meals. Unfortunately, **there are also lots of families who are not registered as being entitled to free school meals.**

Do you get any of the following?

- Income Support
- Universal Credit - To qualify if you are in receipt of Universal Credit, your net earned income (after taxes and deductions 'take home pay') must be below £616 per month under the Universal Credit allowance you receive. This will be confirmed on your latest online Universal Credit statement when you received it. If your net earned income shows above the £616 figure you don't qualify.
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (including Child Tax Credit)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

With so many families affected by the cost of living crisis, I am expecting lots of new families to be eligible. Please note, **Free School Meals is different to the universal free meals received in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – these families should still check if they are eligible to receive food vouchers in the school holidays.**

Please contact school as soon as possible to check if your child is entitled and also open up extra benefits for school:

- ✓ Your child can receive a free school meal 44in school every day
- ✓ **School will receive additional pupil premium funding** that we can use to provide more support and opportunities in school – this is really important at a time when school budgets are under massive pressure

If you are unsure if you are entitled to free meals, please apply online at <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals>. **Please note free meals are not available until you have received written confirmation from Sandwell MBC. This proof must be supplied to school.** All meals prior to receiving confirmation are to be paid for or a packed lunch from home should be provided.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher

