

St John's Green Primary School Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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Dear Parents of Year 2 pupils

With the end of term fast approaching, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that your child's universal free school meal entitlement will finish at the end of the Summer term.

This means that they will no longer be entitled to a universal free school meal from September 2018.

You may be entitled to free school meals. You can register for free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits. The criteria to receive free school meals are set by central Government.

An award can only be provided where a parent/carer/child receives:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income of below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit Run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with an income of £7,400 or less

To apply for free school meals, please go online to <u>https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-</u> <u>Schools/Schools/Pupil-Parent-Support/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx</u> or telephone 0845 603 2200.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please come and speak to a member of the office staff. There is no stigma attached and both you and your child will benefit from, not only receiving school dinners that you do not have to pay for, but also reduced costs on school residentials and swimming lessons for example.

Should you need any support or guidance, please contact the School Office on either school site, who will be more than pleased to help.

Kind regards

Simon Billings Headteacher

PS. Please remember that the cost for school meals is £2.00 daily, payable in advance through SIMS Agora.

