



St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School

Dear Parent / Carer,

Universal Free School Meals

Currently the government fund school meals for children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2. This is known as **Universal Free School Meals**.

Free School Meals

Some parents will also qualify for Free School Meals, details below:

Criteria for Free School Meals

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)

This allowance is a statutory right and it is important that you use it if you qualify. You will also get other benefits from this, for example, school trips funded, uniform voucher each academic year, carton of milk in school.

If you would like to enquire as to whether you qualify please contact School Food Support on 0116 3055417 to go through the application or contact the School Business Manager for an application form.