



# ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

To make this letter regarding school meals slightly less confusing for parents, let me start by using a key.

**Free School Meals (FSM)** – Parents must meet the criteria detailed below and complete an application form. If you are eligible to claim, we encourage you to do so as each valid claim attracts additional funding to the school

**Universal Free School Meals (UFSM)** – All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be eligible for a hot school meal free of charge from September, no application and no additional funding to school.

1. **Free School Meals (FSM)** – parents complete a simple on line application form, or call the Free School Meals helpline on 01926 742543. For every pupil registered with the council as eligible under the entitlement criteria below, the school will receive additional funding in the school budget called Pupil Premium (£1,300 per child) which is used to help raise achievement levels. **This also includes enabling access to facilities, clubs, and subsidising trips. If you do not claim for Free School Meals, then the Pupil Premium funding will not be available for your child (e.g. subsidising the above).**

Families who are eligible for FSM include those on;

- Income Support.
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit **but not** Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. **Please note:** anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify.
- The Guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- In receipt of the 4 week run of Working Tax Credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduced their hours and so is no longer entitled to Working Tax Credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time).
- 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 wish to claim for **free school meals**, please type the following web address into your computer's browser and apply online. This is the quickest way of applying for **free school meals** <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

**2. Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)** – From September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will be eligible for a Universal Infant Free School Meal. No application is needed but no additional funding to your child's school, as per the Pupil Premium.

The provision of **Universal Infant Free School Meals** aims to play a key role in promoting and supporting healthy eating and lifestyles. It will enable children to try a wider range of foods, as well as give them the fuel they need for an afternoon of focused and high quality learning.

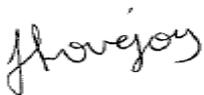
If you are not eligible for **Free School Meals**, but wish your child to claim the Universal Infant Free School Meal, please complete the information below which will allow us to prepare the school kitchen for an increase in numbers from September.

**To sum up:**

- If you meet the suggested criteria for **FSM**, please submit a claim and this will maintain the level of funding to school.
- A blanket entitlement to Universal Infant FSM will be provided to all in Reception Class, or Year 1 or Year 2 class.

Please let the school office know before the **end of September** if possible, if you think your child may be eligible for **Free School Meals** as Pupil Premium funding for the following year will be calculated on 1st October 2020.

Kind regards,



**Mrs J Lovejoy**  
**Head Teacher**