

Sharnford Church of England Primary School



'Two are better than
one, because they
have a good return
for their labour.'
Ecclesiastes 4:9



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS – ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO APPLY

Dear Parents / Carers,

Many of our families are finding themselves facing financial challenges and may be eligible for free school meals. If so, your child would receive a free, healthy meal (saving you more than £350 a year). You can still pre-order their meal at home on ParentPay but there is no charge when you reach the checkout.

You can register your child for free school meals if you receive any of these benefits:

Income Support (IS)

- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Employment and Support Allowance Income Based
- Child Tax Credit, provided the annual taxable income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue is not in excess of £16,190.
- Families who also receive an award of Working Tax Credit do not qualify to claim for free school meals.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Children who receive Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.
- 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 think you may eligible please call Leicestershire Local Authority on 0116 305 5417 or complete the form Application for Free School Meals and post it to County Hall (address at the bottom of the form) as our school will receive funding for your child.

This enables us to support you by offering not only a free meal, but some extra support in the classroom for your child, free milk will continue when you child is over 5, 2 free cardigans or sweatshirts per school year and assistance with the cost of some trips.

Please note, if you have an older child in school who is already eligible, you still need to apply for your new starter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



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