



The Grove Junior School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you may be aware, all infant children are eligible for Free School Meals, however this changes when they move to Junior School.

1. From April 2018, the criteria used to determine free school meals entitlement will be changing to reflect the introduction of universal credit and the phasing out of other benefits.

2. All pupils in receipt of free school meals from Sunday 1st April 2018 will, assuming they are still in education, be entitled to receive a free school meal until universal credit is fully rolled out (this was due to be in March 2022, but this has now been moved to March 2025 and as such the date for FSM protection has also been deferred to match this) and then until the end of their phase of education. Those already in receipt of a free school meal will continue to receive a free school meal.

Your child may still qualify for Free School Meals if any of the following apply:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Link to Hertfordshire County Council's website:

goo.gl/M2ZgDj

Those children who qualify for Free School Meals may also receive further additional financial help for school trips and other support. If you have any problems accessing the website or applying, please do contact the school office for further help.

Kind regards,

Miss L Urquhart
Headteacher



Free school meals

For more information or to apply visit
www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals
or call 0300 123 4048



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