



SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Federation of Abbey Infant and Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. As well as free meals and school holiday vouchers, you may be able to claim for help towards school uniform.

Please check online to see if you are eligible: <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/education-benefits>

Although school meals are currently free for all pupils at the Infant school, registering for free meals means you may get access to food vouchers during school holidays as long the Government offer the scheme. On top of this, you could also raise an extra £1,320 for your child's primary school, to fund valuable intervention support and additional teaching staff.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed below:

- your annual income is less than £16,190; and
- you claim Child Tax Credit (***Not Including Working Tax Credit**) only; and
- your child is attending a Sandwell School (if your child(ren) doesn't attend a Sandwell School, you will need to apply to the Local Authority which your child(ren) school is in) ***Please note you will not qualify for free school meals if you receive any amount of Working Tax Credit. Before applying please check your latest Tax Credit Awards Notice if you are unsure.**
- Income Support
- **Universal Credit ** if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (after tax and not including any benefits you get) Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.**
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (including Child Tax Credit)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- support from the National Asylum Support Service.
- **You may be asked to provide supporting evidence if you receive Universal Credit, for example a copy of your Universal Credit Statement(s) **Universal Credit will be rolled out in Sandwell from November 2018.

Yours sincerely

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