



Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We know that a great nationally many parents are facing financial challenges during this crisis. With this in mind many of you might be looking at claiming Free School Meals for the first time. Applying is easy through the South Glos website www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals . Even if you are only eligible for a short period, it is really worth claiming this if you are entitled as there will be approx £1350 funding per annum (called Pupil Premium) to support your child for the rest of of their primary school time.

You can apply for this funding for your child in any year group (Reception to Year 6).

Whilst the school is closed, families in receipt of Free School Meals are being provided with a voucher for £15 per child per week, to use in most supermarkets. The voucher scheme only applies for children who have been allocated Free School Meals through the application process (not those who only have Infant Free School Meals - for all children in R, Y1 and Y2).

The application process is quick and easy. They will require your National Insurance Number. If you think you may be eligible (see below), I would encourage you to apply.

Free school meals

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Wishing you all the very best,

Mrs Deb Williams