

Houghton Regis

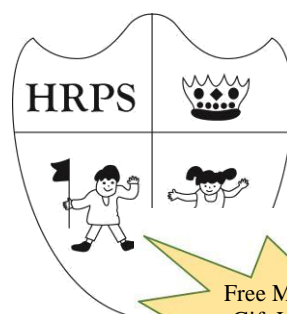
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Dear Parent/Carer



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

When your child starts school they will automatically be eligible for a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. From September 2014, the Government decided all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 would be entitled to free school meals, regardless of the parent/carer's circumstances.

You may have heard of this scheme already. However, if you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals due to your financial circumstances and are claiming any of the benefits listed below, we would encourage you to call 0300 300 8306 to make a claim. The following benefits qualify for free school meals.

- Income support
- Job seekers allowance – income based
- Employment and support allowance – income related
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed element of state pension credit

You will need the following information to make your claim:

- National insurance number
- School details
- Claimant's and child's personal information
- List of benefits receiving



The Government gives schools additional funding called 'Pupil Premium' of £1320 for every pupil who successfully registers, this is a significant sum which will benefit your child and their classmates, so your application is very important to the school.

If you are eligible for and claim FSMs (for KS1 children) you will also receive other services such as:

- A £20 Morrisons Gift Voucher
- Financial support towards educational school trips



Yours Faithfully

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Mrs B Waite
Headteacher