



8th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

FREE PRIZE DRAW – Free School Meal Application Forms

As an incentive for parents to complete a Free School Meal application, we are offering a ‘One for All’ gift card for £15 which can be used in over 130 shops.

Everyone who applies to see if they are eligible for ‘free school meals’ will be entered into the draw, whether they apply online or via paper application. Anyone can apply; you do not have to be eligible to be entered into the draw. The deadline for applications for the draw is Monday 14th January at 10am, but you can apply for ‘free school meals’ at any point throughout the year.

Pupil Premium Funding

If your child is eligible for ‘free school meals’ and you register for them, our school will receive extra funding called ‘pupil premium’. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It’s provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Newland St John’s, we get an extra £1,320 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money makes a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance or 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

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Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, Y1 or Y2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once for your family.

*** To register, please apply using the paper application form attached or online at:
https://emsonline.hullcc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/**

Applications can be made from any device with online access and will provide you with an immediate provisional decision based on information held with the Department of Works and Pensions. Applications are fast-tracked when made through this site.

PLEASE APPLY if you are eligible, unsure whether you're eligible, or if your child is currently in Reception – Y2. If you apply and are eligible, our school will receive funding which we can then spend on our children.

Our school subsidises the cost of all meals to maintain the £1 charge to parents for KS2 children.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the main school office on Tel: 305740.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sarah Wilson
Headteacher