



# Ordsall Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?

We would like to encourage all families to check whether they may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

We often find that some families do not realise they qualify, particularly when their children move into Key Stage 2 and are no longer automatically entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. As a result, some children may miss out on valuable support and schools may miss out on additional funding that helps us support pupils.

Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals if you receive certain benefits, including:

- Universal Credit (subject to eligibility criteria)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit and 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)

Even if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives a free meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, it is still important to apply if you receive one of the qualifying benefits. This allows the school to receive additional funding, known as Pupil Premium, which helps us provide extra support, resources and opportunities for children.

Applying is quick and straightforward and could provide additional support for your child throughout their education.

To check your eligibility and apply online, please visit:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

If you would like any support completing an application or would prefer a confidential conversation, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support.

Karl Hopkinson

Headteacher