Ordsall Primary School

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Play, Learn and Grow...Together!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Could your child receive free school meals and milk?

From September 2026, free school meal eligibility has been expanded. **If your household receives Universal Credit, your child may now be eligible for free school meals, regardless of how much you earn.**

Your child may also qualify if your household receives:

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit; or
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Different arrangements also apply to some families with no recourse to public funds.

Why is it important to apply?

- Your child could receive a free school meal;
- children who qualify for targeted free school meals may also receive free school milk; and
- the school may receive additional Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive a free meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, if you receive one of the qualifying benefits, it is still important to apply. Registering separately could mean that your child is also entitled to free milk and that the school receives additional funding to support their education.

How to apply

Find out more information here: https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk

Apply here: https://notts.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/

You will need:

- your National Insurance number or National Asylum Support Service reference number;
- your surname and date of birth; and
- your child's full name, date of birth and school.

Nottinghamshire County Council will check your eligibility. Once entitlement has been confirmed, free school meals will normally begin within two working days.

If you need help completing an application or would prefer a confidential conversation, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Karl Hopkinson

Headteacher