

Gladstone Road Primary School

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Dear Parents

Free School Meals Vouchers

I'm sure a lot of you will be aware of Marcus Rashford's campaign to get the government to extend the Free School Meals Voucher Scheme, and it looks like he has again been successful in persuading the Government to support families entitled to Free School Meals over the Christmas Holidays. We have not yet been advised exactly how this will be done – whether it will be through the EdenRed Voucher Scheme or if the Local Authority will organise things, but at this stage we want to ensure that everyone who is entitled will receive this support, especially as so many families are finding their circumstances are changing at the moment.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get Universal Infant Free School Meals, but this is different to the Free School Meals entitlement depending on your circumstances. To qualify for the Government support over the holidays, you have to have applied for Free School Meals by completing the attached form.

So, if you have not already applied for Free School Meals and think you may be entitled, please complete the application form and return it to the office as soon as possible. We will then submit it to the Local Authority so that hopefully it will be approved in time for Christmas.

Qualifying for free school meals

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- 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 (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

A copy of the form is overleaf, but do contact the office if you want a paper copy.

Very best wishes,

Mr Garry Johnson Headteacher





Please indicate as applicable, if this application is being submitted as a result of your child moving to a North Yorkshire school, from another Local Authority school

If yes, please indicate if your child was receiving free school meals before they left their previous school?

YES / NO

YES / NO

Forenames of Parent/Guardian:			Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:	
Surname:			Relationship to pupil(s):	
Full Postal Address:				
	Postcode:		Telephone:	
Email address:	•			
National Insurance Number:		Date	Date of Birth:	

Full Name of child	M/F	Date of Birth	Name of School Attending
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3.			

Please indicate which benefit you are currently in receipt of:

- □ 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)
- □ Child Tax Credit, provided you are also <u>not entitled to Working Tax Credit</u> and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- □ Income Support
- □ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- □ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- □ Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- A run-on of Working Tax Credit paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right, are also entitled to Free School Meals

I declare the information given on this form is accurate and that I have parental responsibility for the child/ren noted. I understand that you may check the information given on this form.

If I move house or change my name after I make this application, I will ensure to update you.

Signature...... Date......

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Please complete and return this form to; North Yorkshire County Council, Document Management Centre, County Hall, Racecourse Lane, NORTHALLERTON, DL7 8AE. Tel: 01609 533405. Email: <u>schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk</u>

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