

Netherhall School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I know that many of you will be aware of the Free School Meals (FSM) programme; as many family's circumstances change (perhaps even for a just short time), you may be eligible for what could be much needed support. At present FSM funding is being sent directly to families in the form of supermarket e-vouchers.

The school would like to make sure that everyone in the Netherhall School community who is eligible for this is receiving it. At present, the amount allocated by the government for FSM is £3 per day, £15 a week for each student eligible, which can be used to supplement the ever-increasing weekly shopping bill.

If you are currently in receipt of one of the benefits listed below, it is likely that your child(ren) will be entitled to Free School Meals and possibly the school clothing grant:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit and have an annual income below £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

Please find below two useful links, one is for Cumbria County Council and other is the gov.uk link. The first link is the most important one, as it gives details about eligibility and how to apply online:

- <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance>

I fully appreciate that this can be a daunting and complex process, if you would like any help I am happy to provide any support. My school email address is m.barlow@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk and the school phone number is 01900 813434, leave your contact details with Mrs Kellet and I'll get in touch with you. If you think you might be eligible, I would encourage you to either apply or to contact me as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

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