



4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Free School Meals

Our three schools are moving to online learning until 18th January when local COVID – 19 circumstances will be reviewed by the DfE. During this time, when school will be closed for many pupils, we will continue to provide free school meals for those children who meet the government's free school meal criteria.

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- 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)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee 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 – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Eligibility for free school meals has temporarily been extended to include some children of groups who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

From Tuesday 5th January, a weekly food hamper will be available for collection from:

Mandeville Primary School via the Oswald Street Main entrance

Kingsmead Primary School outside school dining hall entrance

Gayhurst Primary School via the Appleby Road gate entrance

A team of chefs will prepare a food hamper for you or your child to collect. A text message will be sent to all those who are eligible to tell you which day and at what time to collect the food.

Please note – If your child is going to be in school because you are a key worker and are selected for a place, they will be provided with a free school meal.

Important - If you will not be taking advantage of the free school meal offer, please contact the school office to let us know (Mandeville: 020 8986 5249, Kingsmead: 0208 985 5779, Gayhurst: 0207 254 6138)

Yours faithfully,

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