

## Free School Meals?

This is now being asked to ask as some parents/guardians whose children were entitled to Free School Meals have been either laid off or had their hours cut due to work constraints, or some are now asking if they now qualify for the new voucher scheme.

### **If a child(ren) was ALREADY entitled to FSMs**

If a child was entitled to Free Schools Meals BEFORE, then the government will be sending out vouchers to help cover the cost of missed meals at school.

### **If a child(ren) was NOT already entitled to FSMs**

If a parent/guardian has had their income reduced as a result of the current situation, AND as a result, they would for Free School Meals due to Means Testing Rules, then they will need to apply for free school meals FIRST.

Once accepted the government will send out the vouchers.

### **If a parent/guardian does not if they qualify under Mean Testing Rules.**

The rules for FSMs are quite strict, so the parent/guardian will need to apply to see if the child(ren) qualify.

### **How to Apply for Free School Meals (and the rules)**

These can be found at this link, which the Parent/Guardian must do

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>