

Summer 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Changes to Universal Free School Meal entitlement

Your child has been receiving Universal Free School Meals this year which are free to all children in Years reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

As your child will be in Year 3 from September 2023, you will no longer qualify for Universal Free School Meals. We are writing to ask you to consider whether you may qualify for Free School Meals which are available to those parents on certain benefits.

Please look closely at the criteria on the attached form and if you are eligible, please complete and sign the form and return to the school office as soon as possible. Your child may also qualify for **other allowances** within school, such as the **Clothing Grant** and **Pupil Premium**.

Your child does not necessarily need to take up the Free School Meal option in the form of school dinners, but you will need to complete the form for your child to be able to receive any other allowances to which he/she is entitled.

If you are not eligible, you may purchase school dinners at a cost of £2.35 per meal and should be booked each week on ParentMail. You should have already received your personal login for ParentMail but if you haven't already accessed it then we can send you new login details. If you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the free ParentMail App so that you can book school dinners and make easy online payments. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store. Alternatively, you may send your child in with a packed lunch.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on linwoodcampus@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



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