



# Manorfield C.E. Primary School

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## UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS & PUPIL PREMIUM

Dear Parents/Carers

At Manorfield every pupil in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are be eligible for a Universal free school meal.

Good food and good food culture has been shown to lead not only to healthier, happier and more fulfilled children, but to improved educational attainment. Evidence from areas that provide a universal free school meal is that children eat more healthily and perform better academically. Schools have also reported improved behaviour and atmosphere as a result of all pupils eating together every day.

New standards for school food have recently come into force. By following them, we can be sure that our pupils will get the nutrition they need across the whole school day.

We believe that the school lunchtime is a great opportunity for all our children to sit down together and enjoy their healthy and tasty meal, while developing their social skills. We therefore hope that all parents will take up this offer of a free school meal for our infant pupils.

Our meals are cooked freshly on the premises by school food support. Please take a look at the menu. We actively encourage children to have a meal every day, but understand that some children may not like the entire menu. Therefore, children in EYFS & KS1 may choose each day if they would like a meal. This is ordered with the class teacher at morning registration. Please also let us know of any special dietary requirements (medical not likes/dislikes)

### *Registering for Pupil Premium (Free School Meals)*

Pupil Premium is funding which is allocated to schools for children from low-income families, looked after children and those from families with parents in the Armed Forces. Previously this would have entitled children to a Free School Meal and still will do from Year 3 onwards.

In 2020/2021 schools will receive £1345 for pupils in year groups reception to year 6 recorded as Ever 6 free school meals (FSM)

**It is therefore important if parents qualify to claim they complete the attached form to trigger this funding.** It can provide additional teaching support, access to after school clubs, reduced voluntary contributions towards school trips.

- Registering your child for free school meals is confidential.
- Taking up the school meal is recommended, but is not compulsory.
- Children may receive additional help as a result of being registered, for example help with the cost of additional teaching support, school clubs or reducing the voluntary contributions towards school trips.
- Registering a child for free school meals will bring more money to the school.



### Do I qualify to claim free school meals?

Families of children and young people in full-time education at any school maintained by Leicestershire County Council may be entitled to claim free school meals, providing they receive a qualifying benefit.

#### Qualifying benefits

- Income Support OR Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income assessed by HMRC of less than £16,190 (If you or your partner also receive Working Tax Credit you **DO NOT** qualify for free school meals regardless of income). **NB From** the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the 4-week period immediately after employment ends, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, they will be eligible to claim free school meals for that 4-week period.
- The Guarantee Element of state Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.
- Employment and Support Allowance (**Income Related**).
- Universal Credit, with an annual income less than £7,400.

Please also complete the form if you are not sure whether your joint family income is over £16,190, or whether you are in receipt of one of the benefits listed above, but you would like us to check whether your child is eligible.

The school will also receive:

- £2345 for looked after children (LAC) as defined in Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority.
- £2345 for children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangement order (previously known as a residence order)
- £310 for pupil recorded as service child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

Therefore, if your child falls in to one of these categories please let us know.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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Miss F Clarke

Headteacher