



# The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth

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11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear parent/carer of a current Year 2 child

As your child nears the end of their time in year 2, we are taking this opportunity to inform you of the changes to school meal charges.

Children in YR to Y2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals but this will come to an end once children start Y3. From September 2024, if your child has a school dinner, this will now incur a charge of £2.97 per meal, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.

## Free school meals for year 3 and upwards

Free school meals are available for full time students attending school.

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you receive one of the benefits listed.

- Income support (IS)
- Income based' jobseeker's allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child tax credit (provided you do not receive working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not currently exceed £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits, or less than £616.66 per calendar month

If children receive any of the above benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, they can apply for free school meals.

**If you believe that you may be eligible for free school meals, please see the information below.**

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**The information below is only for those new to claiming free school meals, those currently on free school meals will transfer to the new system automatically.**

Parents / Guardians will have to apply via the Citizens Portal, this is linked directly to the DWP Eligibility Checking System. They will receive an immediate decision on their application, and if they are eligible we will notify school via email of all new eligible claims on a daily basis during term time.

The majority of parents / guardians should already have an account on the Citizens Portal, as this is the system used to apply for Early Years Funding and for making an application to start primary school/transfer to secondary school.

If you are unable to access online, please complete and return to school the attached application form. This will mean there will be a delay with the application process.

The new system and link to this on the webpage will go live on **Monday 10 June** 2024 and can be accessed via [www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/](http://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/)

If you would like some help regarding this, please do contact the school where we will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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