

The Round House Primary Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers

School Meals - Information for all parents with children moving into Year 3

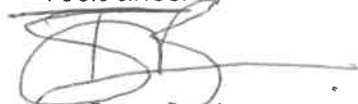
We thought it might be helpful to clarify the situation regarding school meals now that your child is moving into Year 3. As I'm sure you are aware the government currently funds free school meals for all infant children in the first three years of school however now your child is moving into KS2, this funding is no longer available and any school meals taken will be charged at £2.41 per day. Please also see the attached Count Me In Letter.

Each child in school has their own dinner money account which they carry through each year, up until the end of Year 6. Once children enter Year 3, these dinner money accounts start showing a charge of £2.41 for each day that a school meal is taken. Dinner money can be paid for online using our Arbor App/Payment Portal (our preferred method) or in cash or by cheque. If you would like to pay by cash or cheque made payable to The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust, please send in your payment in a sealed envelope with your child's full name and class written on it. If you haven't used Arbor before, the easiest way to access this is via the free Arbor Education app which is available for both android and iOS. If you have any issues setting this up, please contact the school office. Arbor can also be used for paying school trips. The children will still need to make their choice in the morning, and sign up for a dinner, as they currently do in Year 2. If your child doesn't want a school meal, they can still opt for a packed lunch. Apart from payments, the school meal system is exactly the same as the system they currently use.

For those families using Arbor it is quick and easy to check the balance of your child's account online. We do ask that all school meals are paid for in advance as we are unable to offer credit. If you are having genuine financial difficulties in paying for meals, you may qualify for free school meals, you can check this by applying online using this link: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals . With regard to snacks, Year 3 are no longer given a free piece of fruit from the government incentive scheme, as this is also just for children in the first three years of school. If your child wishes to bring a piece of fruit in to eat at break time, they are very welcome to, but it is not compulsory.

We hope this helps to clarify the situation but if you have any individual queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Headteacher

On behalf of The Round House Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

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Information for Parents/Carers whose children are starting Year 3

My child has been receiving universal school meals during their Key Stage One, do I need to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) now they are moving into Year 3?

In order for your child to receive free school meals for Year 3 and beyond, you will need to meet the qualifying economic criteria (as shown below) and submit an application at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

My child was in receipt of Pupil Premium, do I need to reapply for this to continue?

If your child was previously receiving Pupil Premium on the basis of your household income, their entitlement will continue / be transferred to their new Cambridgeshire school.

What is the criteria for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

The economic criteria are:

- ◆ Income Support
- ◆ Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- ◆ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ◆ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ◆ The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- ◆ Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- ◆ Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- ◆ Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

My child has not previously been entitled to Free Schools Meals / Pupil Premium, shall I apply now?

You do not need to re-apply if you have previously provided your surname, date of birth and NI number or NASS number, as we already hold your details and will advise you if your child becomes eligible. We routinely check all applicants using a secure Electronic Checking System (ECS). You will be notified if your child does become entitled.

If you have recently changed your name and/or address, please contact the EWB Team to update their records so any future checks for entitlement are carried out using the most up to date information that HMRC hold for you.

If you have not previously provided your details to the EWB Team, then you will need to apply by completing an online form www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If you are unable to access the online form, a paper application will be available from your child's school.

Even if you don't think you would qualify at this point, once you have completed the form, we will be able to continue to check eligibility throughout your child's school years using the ECS. You will be notified if you become eligible.

Can my child be entitled to Pupil Premium for other reasons?

Your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium if they meet one of the criteria below, please discuss with your school:

- ◆ been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
- ◆ been adopted from care in England or Wales
- ◆ left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales
- ◆ child from service family

If your child has recently changed school, you will need to ensure the new school is aware of this entitlement.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please call the Education Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703200 or email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Or look at the website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals