

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please be aware that a claim can be made at any time for Free School Meals and especially if your circumstances have changed recently.

The scheme continues to accept new claimants during the current period of closure due to Covid-19. Successful new applicants will also be eligible to receive the £15/week voucher announced by the Government during the current closure due to Covid-19.

It is advisable to register for the scheme even before you are eligible, as the portal information is automatically updated regularly and the school will then be informed as soon as any future claim is authorised.

Please use the following link to register on our school's portal:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral/>

Your child may be able to get the income based free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you need any assistance to use the online portal please contact the school office (0151 677 6262).

Kind regards,

School Office