



**The Merton Primary School**  
*To be the best we can be.*

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**Headteacher**

Miss S Thomson  
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Dear Parents/Carers

**Deputy Headteacher**

Ms S Lee

**Did you know ..... School meals are no longer universally free from Year 3 onwards?**

***Did you know.....just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?***

***Register now to make sure that we don't miss out.***

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'pupil premium'.

**For every child registered for a Free School meal, The Merton Primary School will get additional funds.** With this money we will be able to provide extra support and equipment for all our pupils. Each child registered for Free School Meals will also receive milk at break time and may be eligible for other subsidies. If your child doesn't want to have a school meal, that is not a problem, they can still have a packed lunch. But by applying this releases extra funds to help you with the cost towards uniform, trips and additional activities.

**Please register to make sure that your child and other children in school benefit. No one will know that you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.**

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, you can apply online at [freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk),
3. Eligible children will receive a free, hot meal at lunchtime.
4. If you don't want your child to have a school lunch they can continue as normal as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the extra money.

Do you qualify?

If you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact me or talk to the office staff.

Yours sincerely

S Thomson



