



# Bishop William Ward C of E (VA) Primary School

*Happy, respectful, life-long learners*

Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As of September your child will no longer be eligible for a free school dinner under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme. However, during Years 3 – 6 you can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

So, if you fall into any of the above categories, it is quick and easy to apply online at

[https://essex-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free\\_School\\_Meals\\_application?accept=yes&consentMessageIds\[\]=4](https://essex-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals_application?accept=yes&consentMessageIds[]=4)

Please do this **by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September** if you wish your child to receive free school meals. If you currently have a child in Years 3 – 6 receiving Free School Meals, you will still have to apply to register their sibling – **you will not be automatically entitled.**

If you need any help applying or have any problems, please contact the School Office

Yours sincerely,

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