

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Families

I do hope you enjoyed the glorious weather over the Easter weekend in spite of being in lockdown.

I thought it would be helpful to provide you with an update on Free School Meals as the information schools receive is ever changing.

Although your child has been receiving a Universal KS1 Free School Meal or a Southwark Healthy Free School Meal during term time, this provision will not be provided during the summer term.

If your employment/financial circumstances have recently changed and you think you may now be entitled to benefit related Free School Meals, please contact the school urgently for an application form and we will pass this to the Local Authority to process.

Those in receipt of the following are entitled to Free School Meals:

- *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)*

Please find attached further information with frequently asked questions and answers from the government website.

Take care and please stay safe and stay indoors!

Yours sincerely



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