

**Headteacher**

Cheska Tyler

Email

admin@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk

Tel

01923 245490

Twitter

@CTS_Watford

AddressBerry Avenue
Watford
Hertfordshire
WD24 6ST**Web**

www.cherrytree.herts.sch.uk

Facebook

Cherry Tree Primary School

Monday, 28 September 2020

Application for Free School Meals

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the current pandemic, we are continuing to see a rise in the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance or Universal credit. As such, we anticipate that more families will be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) for their children.

If your child is registered for FSM, they will also be able to access extra funding called Pupil Premium. This can be used for trips, uniform, swimming lessons, clubs etc.

If your situation has changed, we would advise you to take a look the Hertfordshire County Council website <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> It is easy to apply and you will get an answer very quickly. If your child is eligible, we would ask you to notify the school so we can check to confirm. Please know that this information is always confidential.

May we also take this opportunity to remind all pupils currently in Year 3 (who were eligible for FSM in year 2) to reapply for a FSM also using the link above. Please note that this is very different to Universal Free School Meals (UFSM), where all children in reception up to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Whilst these pupils are eligible via the transitional protection rule, they must still reapply if they have not already done so.

If you are a family with no access to public funds (NRPF) we can support, you with an application for FSM if you wish. Please be advised that the threshold per annum has recently been increased from £16,190 to £28,200 for areas outside London. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance> for more details and to see if you qualify.

Please note that the school is not able to apply for FSM on your behalf. You must apply and notify the school office with the result if your application is successful.

If you have any questions please email admin@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk.

Yours Sincerely

Marie Vankova
School Business Officer

"Learning Together, Learning For Life"
