



## HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning and Achieving Together*

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Dear Parents and Carers

***Free School Meals Applications and Temporary Application for Families with no Recourse to Public Funds***

We are aware that many families will have a change of circumstances recently making them eligible for certain benefits. The government has also extended eligibility to certain families with no recourse to public funds. They therefore may become eligible for free school meals. We are currently accepting and processing free school meal applications. We would also like to ensure that families of Early Years and KS1 children who are normally entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals have considered and applied for free school meals to become eligible for support during the COVID-19 outbreak.

We are currently utilising the Department for Education (DfE) National Food Voucher scheme via Edenred to provide supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals. Each eligible child receives a voucher of £15 per week.

Your child may be able to apply for 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 would like to apply please complete the following form:

<https://forms.gle/3wqPLKZEdYgMfVPK6>. Once your form is received we will verify your eligibility via an online checking system and inform you of the outcome.

### **Families with No Recourse to Public Funds**

During the COVID-19 outbreak, the Government is temporarily extending free school meal eligibility to include some children of families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

These groups are:

- Children of Zambrano carers
- Children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- Children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction

These groups are also subject to a maximum household earnings threshold of £7,400 per annum.

The Government is also temporarily extending eligibility to children of a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. This group is not subject to a maximum household earnings threshold.

Please complete this form to make an application under this criteria:

<https://forms.gle/UNvxNK9o4KW4Ko3Z7>. Once your form is received we will verify your eligibility and inform you of the outcome.

If you have any queries please email [hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk).

This is an unprecedented situation for all of us and we will do our very best to react and pre-empt situations as they arise and keep you updated.

Yours faithfully,



**Ms Nahbila Sher**  
**Business Leader**