

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents

We are continuing to see a rise in the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance or Universal Credit. As such it is anticipated that more families will be eligible for a Free School Meal for their child(ren).

We at Gade Valley would like to encourage you to complete the free school meals eligibility form on the Hertfordshire County Council Website.

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

Children in Year 3 or older

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 minutes** and in most cases we can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

Reception Year 1 and Year 2 - Early Years Pupil Premium

Your child is entitled to a free lunch at school if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 (Universal Infant Free School Meal). However, if you register via the link below your school could be eligible to receive extra money to help pupils - this is called Early Years Pupil Premium.

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Jenny Calverley
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