



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School









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Dear Parent/Carer,

## COVID 19 – Free School Meals

I am just writing to you again with regards to Free School Meals. As a school, we know that there are families in school who are potentially eligible for FSM but have not yet applied, either because their child normally receives UIFSM, you are unsure how to apply or you may previously have applied for a sibling and assumed this then means all children in the family are eligible. We are also fully aware that, given the current circumstances families' personal circumstances may have changed or may change over the coming weeks and months. If you do think you are eligible, we would strongly recommend you make an application, particularly given the fact there is no confirmation of how long UIFSM will be available for. If your application is successful this means we would receive additional funding that could be used to support your child's education during their time in school.

Your child (ren) may be eligible to receive FSM's if they are in full-time education and your household is in receipt of any of the benefits shown below:

-  Universal Credit - household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and benefits received).
-  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 State Pension Credit.
-  Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190).
-  Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

### How to apply

Parents and guardians can apply for FSM online via the link below and I have enclosed an online guide within this letter too. You should be notified by LCC as to whether your application is successful.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals>

If you require further advice, please email the school office using [office@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:office@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk).

Kind Regards,

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