



## UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### IMPORTANT – IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Hundreds of our families in school are entitled to free school meals. Unfortunately, **there are also lots of families who are not registered as being entitled to free school meals.**

Do you get any of the following?

- Income support
- Job Seekers Allowance (JSA – income based)
- Employment Support Allowance (ESA – income related)
- Pension Credit
- Support under part IV of the immigration & Asylum act 1999
- Child tax credits with income below £16,190 (Not inc working tax credits)
- Working tax credit run on

With so many families affected by the coronavirus pandemic, I am expecting lots of new families to be eligible. Please note, **this is different to the universal free school meals received in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – these families should still check if they are eligible for free school meals.**

**Please contact school as soon as possible to check if your child is eligible for free school meals as it has lots of benefits for you and for school:**

- ✓ Your child can receive a free meal in school every day
- ✓ If your child is isolating, **we will be starting to provide supermarket vouchers from next week**
- ✓ **Sandwell LA is providing supermarket vouchers to all free school meals families over the Christmas holidays** (*this does not include universal free school meals so you must register for free school meals*) – you must be registered by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December to be able to receive these
- ✓ **School will receive additional pupil premium funding** that we can use to provide more support and opportunities in school – this is really important at a time when school budgets are under massive pressure

**If you are unsure if you are entitled, please contact school to check so that we can make sure.** You can email [freeschoolmeals@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk) or call and speak with Sarah Clarke in the school office.

You can also apply directly on Sandwell's website:

[https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200151/education\\_benefits/2176/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200151/education_benefits/2176/free_school_meals)

Yours faithfully

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