

**Has your work / employment situation changed? You may now be entitled to free school meals for your children. (If you already receive free school meals you will have received notification about these food vouchers – THIS ADVICE IS FOR NEW FSM CLAIMS)**

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak Bewdley Primary School can provide a £15 weekly food voucher to each child who normally receives a free school meal (Please note this is not the Universal Infant Free School Meal provision for Reception and KS1)

Apply online – you can apply on line via the Worcestershire County Council website to see if you are eligible for free school meals – the link is - [https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/WCCPublicForms/FormFreeSchoolMeals.aspx?\\_ga=2.58441898.1421898122.1585678468-1503759854.1566981241](https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/WCCPublicForms/FormFreeSchoolMeals.aspx?_ga=2.58441898.1421898122.1585678468-1503759854.1566981241)

If this link does not work – log on to the Worcestershire County Council Website - [www.worcestershire.gov.uk](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk)

**Details about the application process when applying online -**

If you receive any of these benefits then you may be entitled to Free School Meals: Universal Credit provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

- Income Support
  - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The guarantee element of Pension Credit
  - Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
  - Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax
1. You **MUST** provide all the information WCC have requested so that they can undertake a benefit check against the relevant benefit departments. **Please list all of your children on this form, even if they attend different schools.** If WCC cannot confirm your entitlement through this process WCC will contact you to provide paper proof of the benefit you receive.
  2. If your child/ren are eligible to a free school meal they have the option of not taking this up but **every valid claim will assist your child/ren's school** as it enables them to access the governments pupil premium fund.
  3. WCC will send written notification to both you and your child/ren's school with the date provision starts. The date of entitlement starts when WCC receive a valid application and the eligibility is confirmed. **Your claim cannot be backdated** and will be reviewed on a regular basis

**If you would like any help / advice from Bewdley Primary School you can email Sally Court or Bev Blank at [office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)**