

Court Lane Infant School
Hilary Avenue,
Portsmouth, Hampshire,
PO6 2PP
Head of School: Mrs Karen Geddes
T 023 9237 8890
E inbox@courtlane-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk
W <http://www.courtlaneinfant.co.uk>



Court Lane Junior School
Hilary Avenue,
Portsmouth, Hampshire,
PO6 2PP
Head Teacher: Mrs Judith Ramshaw
023 9237 5444 T
admin@courtlanejnr.portsmouth.sch.uk E
<http://www.courtlanejunior.co.uk> W

Head Teacher of Court Lane Academies: Mrs Judith Ramshaw

June 2020

A note to Parents/Carers.

Pupil Premium – Benefit Related Free School Meals

In school we are very aware that, unfortunately, for some families the Pandemic is having even more of an impact on their lives and on their employment or financial situation.

If your situation has changed, you may wish to consider if you are now eligible for Benefit Related Free School Meals and I have copied below the latest government criteria in order that you can check your eligibility. **With the government recent announcement, this may mean that you might then be able to receive vouchers during the summer holidays.**

Please remember that even if you are only eligible for this for a short period of time the benefits can remain with you, and your child(ren), for a significant amount of time. The government website states that:

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

To apply please use the following link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Government eligibility guidelines state that:

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get 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)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- **younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)**
- in full-time education

Proud to be part of the **UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER** ACADEMY TRUST

The University of Chichester (Multi) Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company number: 8595545.
Registered office: University of Chichester, Bishop Otter Campus, College Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 6PE