

19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

In light of the current circumstances, it is possible that family financial situations may change and that your children will become eligible for Free School Meals. The government are discussing awarding vouchers to FSM students during school closure so we strongly recommend you apply if you are eligible.

It is quick and easy to find out if your child is eligible for Free School Meals by applying through the online checking service which will instantly advise you if your child is eligible. Your details are also updated automatically so there is no need for a formal review process, everything is kept up to date after your initial application. Both parent and school are advised if you become eligible in the future so the free school meal allowance can be applied straightaway to your child's dinner account.

We would encourage all parents to apply online to check their eligibility. In addition, for every child on free school meals John Willmott School will also receive additional funding (Pupil Premium) from the Government which we use to support teaching and learning. Is it therefore a wider benefit for everyone.

Simply apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham/>

You will need your national insurance number or national asylum support service reference number, your date of birth and your child's date of birth.

If you prefer, an application can be made by school on your behalf. Simply complete the application form and email to accounts@jws.bham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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