



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

## School Lunches

Now that your child is in Year 3, they **no longer qualify for Universal Free school meals**. This means that if you want your child to have a hot lunch you will have to pay for them.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals. Children will be eligible if:

- parents receive Universal Credit
- parents receive Income Support
- parents receive Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- parents receive Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- parents receive support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- parents receive the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- parents receive 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**)
- parents receive Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credits

## How to apply for free school meals

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call Central Bedfordshire Council on **0300 300 8306**. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- dates of birth for your children
- if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

School meals cost £2.25 per day. You can pay this by using our new electronic system called Pay 360.

Kind Regards

The Chiltern School.

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