



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the government have introduced a new scheme to provide a weekly £15 supermarket voucher for every child who is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). As the current lockdown has an impact on people's jobs, there will be more Brookfield families who have become eligible for FSM. To receive this, you have to apply to Camden (even if you live in a different borough). This is the link to apply (you will need your National Insurance or NASS number to complete the form): <https://www.camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals#isxt>

**Please apply now if you think you may be eligible.** The worst that can happen is that you get turned down. As well as the £15 weekly voucher during lockdown, once we are back in school your child(ren) would benefit from Free School Meals until at least 21st March 2022 (even if your circumstances change before them). They will also receive the Pupil Premium for six years after this which provides additional funding to the school in order to support them.

The criteria for FSM (and therefore the government voucher scheme) is families who receive:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits)
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- the Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the government are temporarily extending free school meals eligibility to include some groups who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF), including:

- Children of Zambrano carers
- Children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- Children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 **who are also** subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction

If you are struggling with the application, please email Mel ([m.treseder@brookfield.camden.sch.uk](mailto:m.treseder@brookfield.camden.sch.uk)) for support. Mel is our Assistant Head with responsibility for the well-being and progress of all children eligible for free school meals.

Yours sincerely,

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