

Dear Parents,

The <u>Covid Summer Food Fund</u> will ensure all eligible **children who are registered for free school meals by 10 July** can continue to access support over the summer holidays.

It's important to make sure as many families as possible are aware of the support available to them during such a difficult time and continue to register for free school meals, particularly if they have not done so before.

If you are parents of children in reception, year 1 and year 2 you may not have registered before as your children are receiving a free meal through the universal infant free school meal offer. **Please find out if you are eligible here**: https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Parent/carers can find out more about the qualifying benefits for free school meals eligibility and how to claim them by visiting:

- o Citizens Advice: <a href="https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/">https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/</a>
- The Money Advice Service: https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/categories/benefits
- Gov.uk: https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits
- Devon: <a href="https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals">https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals</a>
- Schools can support eligible pupils with a £90 voucher to cover the 6-week holiday period.
- Any child currently in receipt of benefits-related free school meals or who becomes eligible during the summer term is eligible for the Covid Summer Food Fund.
- Please apply before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July if you think you may be eligible

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Yours sincerely,

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