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## Free School Meal eligibility

**Dear Parents** 

We are aware that during the current COVID-19 pandemic, many of our families employment circumstances could have changed and with that in mind your children may now be eligible for free school meals.

If your child is now eligible for free school meals you could be missing out on a weekly supermarket voucher to help with grocery shopping under a government scheme recently introduced to help families during COVID-19. This has been put in place for the period whilst children are unable to attend school.

In addition once children return to school we are able to support the families of children who are eligible for free school meals, with payment for school trips, including residential visits, clubs and instrument tuition. As a school Newburgh is also able to access vital additional funding for every eligible child which supports other areas in school.

Please can we strongly urge any of our families who believe they could now be eligible, whether it be a change in current circumstances or not, to apply for free school meals. This also applies to children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 who are receiving 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' or children who would normally choose to bring their own packed lunch to school.

Applications and information regarding criteria can be found at <u>www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</u>

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility criteria which cannot be answered by visiting the above website then please telephone 01926 359189.

Yours sincerely

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