

Autumn 2020 – Free School Meals (FSM)

We are continuing to see a rise in the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance or Universal Credit. As such, it is anticipated that more families will be eligible for a FSM for their child(ren).

To continue supporting families, we are encouraging you to:

- FSM eligibility criteria (with families) as outlined on the Hertfordshire County Council Website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.
- If your child has moved from year 2 to 3 in September 2020 (whom were eligible for a FSM in year 2) to reapply for a FSM via [this link](#). Whilst these pupils are eligible via the transitional protection rule, they **must** still reapply if they haven't already done so.
- Support families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) to make an application for a FSM if they wish to do so. Please be advised of the recent update that increased the income threshold from £16,190 per annum to £28,200 per annum for areas out of London. Visit gov.uk for full details. Schools should continue to forward the [sample FSM application form](#) (for this group) contained within the [DfE guidance](#) and return it to freeschoolmeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk.