

Newburgh CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Free School Meal Changes

From the 1st September the eligibility for Free School Meals has changed. The Government has expanded eligibility so that **all children in households in receipt of Universal Credit may now qualify, irrespective of household earnings**. All updated guidance may be found [here](#).

If your child is currently eligible for and receives Free School Meals Lancashire County Council will check their eligibility under the new criteria. They will contact you if you are no longer eligible to receive a free school meals.

If you have previously been told that you were not eligible **please check again** as you may now be eligible under the new criteria. It is important for schools to identify those children eligible for free school meals so we can provide free meals, additional support and access pupil premium funding to support education and wider opportunities such as clubs and trips.

To check your eligibility please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You will need to provide information such as your name, date of birth and National Insurance number. You will then need to select Newburgh School, Back Lane, Newburgh. You may add multiple children to the same application and you will need to provide their year group, date of birth and home postcode. Lancashire County Council will then contact you by email to inform you of the outcome.

We would encourage you to apply this week if possible to ensure we are able to provide the full support your child may be entitled to. You will need to have received your outcome



Healthy School



decision before next Thursday for school to access Pupil Premium funding on your child's behalf.

Kind regards



Rebecca Fowler
Headteacher

