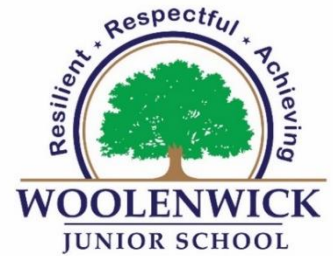


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## Important - Registering for Free School Meals

Dear Parents/Carers

We know that this past two years has been even more challenging for families and that for some there will have had major changes to income and financial difficulties.

If your circumstances have changed during the past months, it may be worthwhile checking to see if your child may now be entitled to free school meals.

**The easiest way to apply and see if your child qualifies for Free School Meals is to click here:**  
[Herts County Council - Free School Meals](#)

You will need to have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply. It takes **5 minutes** and in most cases they will tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

If your child is eligible they may also be entitled to other benefits and additional funds are generated for the school.

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Please email the school office if you have any queries, or if you are told that your child is entitled to a free school meal.

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