



## *Meeting Individual Needs*

19 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Free School Meal Entitlement**

The government has now announced that it will extend free school meals support for eligible children through the summer holidays. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, any child at Haughton School that we knew was entitled to a free school meal has been receiving free school meal vouchers. This allowed them to continue to access weekly vouchers worth £15.00 per child.

We know that this is an uncertain time for many parents and that financial circumstances may have changed. If your circumstances have changed recently and you think you may be eligible for free school meals, we are urging parents to apply for free school meals by completing an online form.

The information needed to apply includes:

- Personal details (including national insurance number and date of birth) for the parent/carer
- Child's details in full including their date of birth and the school they attend.

Your child, or children, may qualify for Free School Meals if you meet the following criteria:

- You or your partner have a child for whom you receive Child Benefit and who is attending a school or college in Telford and Wrekin

• **And you get any of the following:**

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ Pension Credit (guaranteed credit)
- ✓ Universal Credit and your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the government have set a temporary extension of free school meals eligibility for children of groups who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF). Families in these groups cannot apply online and should email the free school meals team at

[freeschoolmeals@telford.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@telford.gov.uk)

To apply please visit the Telford & Wrekin Council website on <https://www.telford.gov.uk/FSM>

Once we are notified a child is eligible, we can provide for every eligible child a weekly shopping voucher worth £15.00 to spend at supermarkets while schools are closed due to coronavirus. This would be £90.00 for the summer holidays alone for just one child. If you have more children, then this would be the same for each child who is eligible.

The vouchers can be spent on food at a range of shops including:

- Sainsbury's
- Tesco
- Asda
- Aldi
- Morrisons
- Waitrose
- M&S

Please email [haughton.admin@taw.org.uk](mailto:haughton.admin@taw.org.uk) or contact us at school on (01952) 387540 if you have any questions.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely



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