

# The Gainsborough Parish Church CE Primary School

*Journeying together with hope and aspiration*



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Dear Parents and Carers

## Applying for Free School Meals

Lincolnshire County Council has changed the way parents apply for free school meals. You now have to apply through a parent portal using the following link:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals)

Applications are open all year round.

We urge all parents/carers to complete an application because every successful application means that besides free school meals for children, the school will receive pupil premium funding which can be used to subsidise residential visits and other educational activities.

## Who is eligible for Free School Meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or parents are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's 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 (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Yours faithfully

Miss T Peacock  
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