



# Hazeldown Primary School

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## **Christmas Holiday Funding Scheme** **'Free School Meals' eligibility check**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Following the announcement this week by the Government to extend the Free School Meal voucher system through the Christmas period, we want to ensure that none of our families who are entitled to this funding miss out.

We are aware that many households are facing particular difficulties relating to employment and income as a result of Covid-19 either through the loss of employment or being put onto furlough.

For families of our younger children in Key Stage One, your entitlement to the Universal Infant Free School Meal system will NOT automatically translate into Free School Meal funding through the holiday. To secure this funding, if you believe you may be eligible, you must complete the attached form and return it to the office or follow the link below & supply the eligibility proof to the office either via email or printed copy.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

If your child is entitled, they then automatically qualify for the 'Pupil Premium Grant' – a grant which provides additional funding to the school and enables your child to access the following:

- A free Hazeldown Sweatshirt (bring online receipt into school office for refund of cost)
- A free Hazeldown Polo Shirt
- Free Breakfast Club Provision as frequently as you wish to access it
- Substantial reductions to the cost of residential visits
- Free School Meals from years 3-6 (Foundation Stage and Year 1 & 2 pupils are automatically entitled to free school meals under the government 'Universal Free School Meals' scheme.)
- Ongoing support until your child leaves the school – even if the 'Free School Meals' eligibility stops at any time.

A well as the above, 'Free School Meals' eligibility (and the subsequent 'Pupil Premium' status) opens up the potential for your child to access additional educational support within



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school. Details regarding Pupil Premium funding, and how the school use it, can be found on our website using the following link:

<https://www.hazeldown.co.uk/teaching-learning/pupil-premium/>

As has been previously referenced, children in the Foundation Stage and Years 1 & 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals under the government 'Universal Free School Meals' (UFSM) scheme. However, when your child transitions to Key Stage Two, this entitlement automatically ends if you have not confirmed their eligibility for 'Free School Meals'.

Since the introduction of the UFSM, over the years, schools have lost out on vital funding (schools currently receive £1,345 additional funding for each pupil who is eligible for 'Free School Meals'), which is needed to support our children, due to the fact that many parents with children in the aforementioned year groups have not checked their eligibility for 'Free School Meals' until their child has stopped receiving UFSM and has transitioned to Year 3.

Eligibility for 'Free School Meals' / Pupil Premium funding is not always easy to work out so the introduction of the new online technology will save considerable time and hassle. Our aim is to register all of our families for the new system, which checks the database every two weeks and highlights any new families who are eligible to receive the support, so that if your circumstances change unexpectedly, we can put in place additional support for you and your child, as listed previously.

Should you wish for your details to be added to the system, please complete the attached form and email it to our Admin Team on [admin@hazeldown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hazeldown.devon.sch.uk). Once the details have been added to the system, families who are eligible get an instant decision and will be informed via email.

If you have any questions relating to any of the above, please contact the School Office on [admin@hazeldown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hazeldown.devon.sch.uk). Any questions relating to Pupil Premium can be sent to myself on [lgoodenough@hazeldown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:lgoodenough@hazeldown.devon.sch.uk).

Kindest regards.

Lee Goodenough  
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## Online 'Free School Meals' Eligibility Check Application

<b><u>Child's Full Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Child's DOB:</u></b>
<b><u>Parent One information</u></b>	<b><u>Parent Two information</u></b>
Name:	Name:
DOB:	DOB:
Address:	Address:
NI Number:	NI Number:
Email address:	Email address:

I hereby give consent for Hazeldown School to perform the Online 'Free School Meals' eligibility check on my behalf using the information I have provided below.

<b><u>Parent One signature:</u></b>	<b><u>Parent Two signature:</u></b>
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