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Free School Meals, Test & Trace Support Payment Scheme & Covid Winter Grant Scheme

Free School Meals: If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, you may be able to get free school meals for them. The quickest and easiest way to apply for school meals is to apply online.

[Click here to apply.](#)

ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You can register your child for **Free School Meals** if you get any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month).
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

HOW DOES IT WORK? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the eligibility list above.
2. Registering is really quick and easy with two choices to apply, you can either apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/> or we can check eligibility on your behalf, please just email the school with your child's details and your national insurance number. We will treat your application in the strictest confidence.
3. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Not currently eligible?

If your child is not currently eligible for free school meals or you are waiting for a benefit application to be approved and need food and supplies urgently, please [contact Kent Together](#) or call 03000 41 92 92.

Free School Meals & Hamper Packs: If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and your child has to enter a period of isolation, we will ensure that your child continues to receive a meal. You will not need to do anything; we will take care of this for you, so you don't need to worry. On the first day of isolation, the school office will be in contact with you to confirm this is being arranged - for the first day of absence, your child will receive a packed lunch then for the rest of the isolation period we will arrange delivery of a food hamper containing an array of ingredients to prepare nutritious meals for

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your child in accordance with government guidelines. Alongside the hamper pack, you will also be sent a recipe guide to help you prepare meals which I'm sure you'll agree would be a great activity to do with your child.

Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme: If you're asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace and you're on a low income, unable to work from home and will lose income as a result, you may be entitled to a payment of £500 from your local authority under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme.

The scheme will run until 31 January 2021. For more information and check your eligibility, please visit:

[Test and Trace Support Payment Information](#)

Covid Winter Grant Scheme: It has recently been announced that the **Covid Winter Grant Scheme** will provide support to children, families and the most vulnerable over winter. Children and families will get extra support this winter, with councils given new funding to ensure vulnerable households do not go hungry or without essential items.

It will allow councils to directly help the hardest-hit families and individuals, as well as provide food for children who need it over the holidays. Local councils understand which groups need support, and are best placed to ensure appropriate holiday support is provided – which is why they will distribute the funds, rather than schools, who will continue providing meals for disadvantaged children during term-time.

The government has acknowledged that school holidays can be difficult for some families, with children at risk of missing out on healthy meals, activities, and learning opportunities.

We will share further information as and when we receive details from Kent County Council.

If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school office, Head of School or me.

More than ever, I urge you to **STAY STRONG, STAY SAFE AND STAY TOGETHER!** There will be an end to this, we just have to make sure we get there in one piece, as individuals, as well members of our Viking family, a community that we each work so hard and so faithfully for.

Keep calm, stay wise, be kind!



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