

# UNITED SCHOOLS FEDERATION

**St. Michael's C. of E. Nursery & Primary School** **St. Catherine's C. of E. VA Nursery & Primary School**  
**St. Mary's C. of E. VA Primary School** **Marldon C. of E. VA Primary School** **Ipplepen Primary School**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS ENTITLEMENT

If your child is new to the school or you think your circumstances might have changed and you received any of the following benefits you should be entitled to Free School Meals for all your children.

There are two categories of free meals (1) FREE SCHOOL MEALS for all children in the family because parents qualify for particular benefits and (2) UNIVERSAL FREE MEAL FOR CHILDREN IN Years R, 1 and 2. We admit this is confusing as children in Key Stage One (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a *free meal* at school which is paid for by a government grant. **If your child was in Year 2 last July and has now moved up to Year 3 please remember that meals are no longer free of charge.**

*A free school meal entitlement is different from the universal free meal grant for KS1 children and it is of financial benefit to the school if you apply and are successful! Even if your child is in Key Stage One and is already receiving a free meal we would ask for your help. IF YOU THINK YOU ARE ENTITLED TO ANY OF THESE BENEFITS PLEASE ASSIST US BY APPLYING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS ON-LINE. Parents who have already applied do not need to do so again. In return we will be delighted to offer eligible children one free sweatshirt every autumn.*

Eligible benefits are:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based & Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) on an equal basis.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit WITHOUT Working Tax Credit (WTC) and annual income below £16,190 a year
- Entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (for a further four weeks after no longer qualifying for WTC)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you qualify for any of the above there is now a new and easy way to apply for Free School Meals.

Parents and carers with parental responsibility may apply on-line at

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

This system is discrete and will give you an instant decision on your eligibility. You will then bring in a screen-shot or printed copy to prove eligibility to our school. We are no longer able to accept paper copy application forms. If you have any problems please telephone **0345 155 1019**.

**Executive Headteacher:** *Mr. Martin Harding*

**Heads of School:** *Mrs Karen West, Mr. Marcus West, Mrs C. Webb, Mr. Adrian Clements & Mrs Helen Tate*