



15 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Free School Meals

During these unprecedented circumstances some of our families are finding themselves facing a different financial outlook than expected. Some families may now be eligible for alternative benefits and you can check this out on:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/coronavirus-check-what-benefits-you-can-get/>

You may also find that your child is now eligible for Benefits Related Free School Meals. Below is a list of criteria against which you can check this:-

- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, 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
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If so, then you can apply online using the below link. The application takes about five minutes and the outcome is instant.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Alternatively, we can do this on your behalf if you complete the information on the attached document and return to the school office at: [secretary@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

**The School Office**

**Parent Details**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

National Insurance Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Childs Details**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you

If your child is eligible for free school meals with an active application on the 20 April 2020, they will remain eligible until 20 April 2024.

