



# MANOR COURT Community Primary School

*incorporating* Manor Court Early Years Centre

A Member of Preston Primary Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Application for Free School Meal entitlement during pandemic**

We appreciate that many of our families are struggling financially at this time. We have been privileged over the past fortnight to be able to send eighty-five food parcels and Tesco food vouchers to the homes of Free School Meal children (not the homes of KS1 Children who are all entitled to a school meal paid for by the Government).

If your situation has recently changed and you find yourself in a position where you may be relying on Government support for the first time, or that you are about to apply for Government financial support such as Universal Credit, we would like to get one of these vouchers to you via email as soon as the Government acknowledges your entitlement.

The Government and Somerset County Council have recently increased the speed of the application process and requests should now be applied directly through the website. This is the hyperlink to take you to the application process: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

The criteria for entitlement as listed on the Somerset County Council website includes only the benefits listed here – and no other benefits – that qualify you for free school meals for your children.

- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax.
- Income Support (IS).
- If you have recently become unemployed, but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals.
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related) – not Contribution related.
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) – not Contribution based.
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190, as long as the family is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

We hope that this information is helpful for you and that we can provide more assistance to those families who require it at this time of need.

With all good wishes.

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