

08/06/21



Dear Parent,

**Free School Meals/School Uniform/Physical Education Clothing Allowance
2021-22**

I would like to provide you with important information on the 2021/22 application process for Free School Meals and School Uniform/ Physical Education Clothing Allowances.

Current Eligible Families and New Applicants

Parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of support for the 2020/21 school year will **not** be sent a pre-populated form for the 2021/22 school year. **All parents/ guardians (including new applicants) are required to apply on-line from Monday, 7 June 2021 via the EA website:**

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals>.

It is recommended that parents/ guardians apply during the month of June, or as early as possible, to enable applications to be processed and support to be in place for children for the new school year. Parents/ guardians are being advised of the importance of providing valid Bank or Building Society account details in the claimant's own name. Payments cannot be made into Post Office accounts.

Free School Meals / Uniform Grants Helpdesk

The Free Schools Meals and Uniform Grants Helpdesk is operated by staff across the EA Free School Meals/ Uniform Grants service. It is available to assist parents/guardians and schools who may have any queries. The Helpdesk operates Monday – Friday from 9.00am to 4.30pm and can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk. The telephone number which should be used for all enquiries is: (028) 9041 8044.

Further information including eligibility criteria for the 2021-22 school year and a list of Frequently Asked Questions to assist with any parental queries can be accessed by logging onto www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals.

Please remember to apply for Free School Meals if you are eligible. Not only does it help you and your child, it also helps boost our school budget!

Many thanks.

Mrs Redmond

Principal