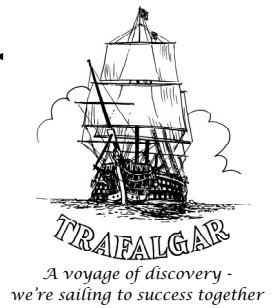




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Dear Parents / Guardians

The Importance of Parents Claiming Free School Meals at Trafalgar Community Infant School

I am writing to you to update you on the criteria for free school packed lunches. Children are eligible for free school packed lunches if their parents / guardians are in receipt of any of the following –

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I realise that some parents / guardians may be reluctant to take advantage of this entitlement, but can assure you there is no stigma attached to children in receipt of these lunches. Should you have any concerns with regard to this, please talk to me or the administrative team in the School Office.

Even if you do not want your child to take free packed lunches, we would still encourage you to apply. The more children who are shown as being entitled to free school meals, **the more funding the school will receive**; this is absolutely crucial in the light of decisions being made about school budgets by the coalition government.

The Education Secretary has recently announced that the Pupil Premium is to be based on the number of children in receipt of free school meals. Clearly additional funding will benefit all our pupils and in the light of proposed severe budget cuts. We need as much funding as possible to enable us to maintain the high standards we achieve at Trafalgar.

If you would like to apply for free school packed lunches, please call into the School Office for a confidential conversation with a member of the admin team.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lynne Wise
Headteacher



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