

ASHFIELD SCHOOL

A DfE ACADEMY SPECIALISING IN TECHNOLOGY, LANGUAGES & APPLIED LEARNING

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HEADTEACHER Mr J Maher

Dear Parent/carer,

As a parent/carer of a child at Ashfield School we would like to make sure you are aware of the criteria for eligibility for free school meals. Students eligible for free school meals have credit automatically added to their account each day to the value of £2.30 per day and pay with their finger as all other students do. You can see what your child has ordered by logging in to parent pay and add additional funds if you wish.

Students can spend this money at our catering facilities on any food or drink items they wish or purchase the meal deals on offer which are all priced at £2.30. Our current meal deal offer is attached as an example.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're 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
- 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)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals. The process of applying is straight forward and through Notts County Council.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please contact Notts County Council, either by:

- Calling Notts county council on this number: 0300 500 80 80
- completing this application form:
<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/2902138/freeschoolmealsapplicationform.pdf> and sending:
 - by post to: Admissions and free school meals team, Meadow House, Littleworth, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire NG18 2TA
 - by email to: admissions.ed@nottscc.gov.uk

We would like to ensure every Ashfield family receives all the support they are entitled to and so I would encourage you to apply if you are not sure, just to check.

Students entitled to free school meals may also be eligible for support from school with uniform expenses, school equipment and school trips. Please contact your child's Achievement Leader if you need any financial assistance with anything over the school year if this applies to you.

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If you have any issues or queries regarding free school meals support at Ashfield School please don't hesitate to contact me via email Gemma.heald@ashfield.notts.sch.uk or if you wish to speak to me on the phone please phone school, leave your name and number, ask for it to be passed on to me and I will get back to you.

Stay safe and remember that Ashfield School is always here if you need anything.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Heald'.

Mrs Gemma Heald
Assistant Head Teacher
Ashfield School