



14 December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Free School Meal Entitlement

We have recently reviewed the take up of free school meal entitlements, and want to ensure all families realise that they may be eligible to access a daily free school meal allowance of £2.25 for their child. In view of this I am contacting you to raise awareness of the criteria and the process to apply for this entitlement.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get 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)

To make an application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding, you are able to apply using the following on-line link - [Free School Meals - EForms \(wakefield.gov.uk\)](http://Free School Meals - EForms (wakefield.gov.uk))

If you require any support completing the attached Application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding please do not hesitate to contact school on 01977 781555 or email admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk

Free School Meal allowance can be used to purchase a meal deal at lunchtime, for example:

A Hot Meal Deal consists of:

- A hot main meal of the day or Hot Pasta Pot with sauce.
- A tray bake, cookie or a fruit pot.

A Cold Meal Deal consists of:

- A basic sandwich or baguette
- A tray bake, cookie or a fruit pot.

There is a wide variety of other food options which your child can purchase and the menus are available to view using the following link: <https://carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk/school-lunches/>

We recognise the difficulty that many people will be facing with cost of living issues, in particular due to the rise in fuel and energy bills, and hope that this may be of some assistance at this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Smith', is placed on a light grey rectangular background.

Mrs G Smith
School Support Manager