



BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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Dear Parent/Carer

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are aware that many children, who attend BGLC, are entitled to free school meals but, for whatever reason, their parents do not claim for them. We are keen to encourage as many parents as possible to apply. There are several advantages:

- A healthy and nutritious free meal each day, either at morning break or lunchtime
- Extra funding for the school per eligible student, per year, providing additional resources and staffing for all students
- Subsidies for some trips, resources and activities
- No stigma attached as students eligible for Free School Meals use the cashless catering system in exactly the same way as all other students
- Eligibility to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme [Holiday Activity and Food Programme](#)
- Eligibility to food vouchers during school closure periods whilst the government fund them

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following. Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- 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 are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for the 4 weeks after your stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, please complete the online application:

- For Leicestershire County residents, apply via the County Council website [click here for their page](#)
- For Leicester City Residents, apply via the Leicester City website [click here for their page](#)

If your application is successful, school will be notified by the County Council.

If you need any assistance with your application please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

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Helen Smart

Business Director