



Brackenwood Junior School

Learning for Life



Headteacher: Miss R Fry

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Dear parents/carers,

Apply for Free School Meals

Recently the school bought a system which helps to identify pupils eligible for Free School Meals. If the application for FSM is successful then there are benefits for parents, pupils and the school as follows:

- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help with their learning.
- Savings for the parent as the meal is provided to the child free of charge.
- The school receives additional funding via Pupil Premium

Capita's Online Free School Meals system is an online system that allows parents to put their child's details in the system. The system does an instant check for FSM eligibility, allowing the school to record the pupil as FSM in our SIMS system.

If the Capita System is kept up to date, it will provide the school with the eligibility status for all the children in the school, but for the system to work we need your help initially.

Some families may be entitled to Free School meals but not realise it. We are therefore encouraging families to apply for Free School Meals via the link provided below.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral>

If you are awarded FSM not only do you benefit by receiving a free meal each day for your child, but also our school will receive Pupil Premium which can be worth at least £900 per year and will help to directly benefit your child. The school will continue to receive the funds irrespective of whether or not the free meal is actually taken up by the pupil.

Yours sincerely,

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