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### **Universal Primary Free School Meals UPFSM**

In line with the Welsh Government Initiative to provide all Primary school children in Wales with a free school meal by 2024, Newport City Council will extend the universal offering from September 2023 to include year's 3 – 6. This commitment is in response to the rising cost-of-living pressures on families and our shared ambitions of tackling child poverty to ensure that no child goes hungry in school.

The universal provision does not replace your Free School Meal entitlement. If you are you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, please complete a Free School Meal application as you may be eligible for additional grants for school uniform. You can apply online at [www.newport.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.newport.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). By registering, your school may also get additional money to be spent on supporting teaching and learning.

Qualifying benefits include:

- 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 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

### **Medical Prescribed Dietary Requirement**

If your child has a medical diet requirement, with the relevant medical evidence (Doctors letter and/or Dietician letter) please contact Mrs Dunn ([mdunn@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:mdunn@rogerstoneprimary.com)) who will provide you with the necessary paperwork.

The deadline for new Reception class starters will be the **15<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. If you wish for your child to receive a school meal before paperwork is submitted, a jacket potato with a suitable topping and fresh fruit will be provided. Should you have any queries relating to special diets, please contact Chartwells in house dietician [Rachel.margetts@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Rachel.margetts@compass-group.co.uk).

### **How to book a school meal**

Children book a school meal on the day, each morning during registration. This system will be under review as we go through the term to see how much uptake there is.