



The Berkeley Academy

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Head Teacher: Mrs S L Gohr



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Dear Parents/carers

SCHOOL DINNERS

As your child will be going into Year 3 with effect from September 2026, we would like to remind you that your child will no longer be eligible for universal free school meals.

If you are eligible for Income related free school meals as detailed on the reverse of this letter, we encourage you to please click the link below which will direct you to Cheshire East free school meals website where you can apply online or alternatively telephone 0300 123 5012 for more information.

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

The cost of school dinners will be £3.10 per day and should be paid in advance for any dinners required via School Gateway.

Yours sincerely

S. L. Gohr.

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Headteacher



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Free School Meals

Cheshire East Council currently offers two free school meal schemes - Universal Infant Free School Meals and Income Related Free School Meals.

Universal infant free school meals

From September 2014 Central Government introduced a new initiative to provide free school meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. If your child is currently in one of these year groups, then they will automatically be eligible for universal free school meals.

Income related free school meals

Cheshire East Council currently offer free school meals to the families that receive the qualifying incomes as outlined below, and whose children attend a Cheshire East school.

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)



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