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*Headteacher: Richard Hearn*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has been a very challenging time for us all and for many families the forthcoming Christmas holiday will be very different this year. I hope that whatever your plans for the Christmas break, you are able to spend time with your family and loved ones.

You may have seen in the news that the government is providing funding under the Covid Winter Grant Scheme to provide free school meal provision over the holiday period. Wiltshire Council will be providing funding for any families that apply and qualify for Free School Meals ahead of the Christmas holiday period. Each child will receive £15 per week for the holiday period.

We already have a list of those who are currently eligible for free school meals and we will be contacting those families shortly regarding options for vouchers. However, we understand that circumstances can change, particularly in the current climate. If you believe you are eligible for free school meals can I ask you get in touch by telephone for guidance as soon as possible. Please see the guidance below.

We know this is a difficult time for everyone and if you feel you need additional support, and don't have a network of support around you, the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is available.

You can call the hub on 0300 003 4576 or email [wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk). It's open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

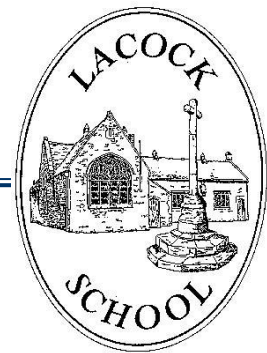
If you have any questions on the provision please email [admin@lacock.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lacock.wilts.sch.uk) or telephone the school office. We want to ensure all our families that need the support are provided for so do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Hearn'.

Richard Hearn



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### **Free School Meal Guidance**

All infant school children, those in reception, year 1 and year 2 have been entitled to free school meals since September 2014. Just tell your school that you want your child or children to have free school meals.

If your infant child would have been entitled to free school meals under the old system, because you are receiving qualifying benefits (listed below) the government will give your school a Pupil Premium of £1,320 for primary-aged pupils (2016-2017).

For the school and your child to benefit from this money we need to know that you are receiving a qualifying benefit. Please complete the claim form which is available from your school or you can download it from our downloads section.

For children in years 3 and above, free school meals are not provided automatically. They can be awarded only if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

*The completed form can be returned to your child's school. They will forward it to us on your behalf. Alternatively, you can send it direct to:*

*Free School Meals  
Children's Services  
Wiltshire Council  
County Hall  
Trowbridge  
Wiltshire  
BA14 8JN*