

12 October 2022

Dear parents and carers

Families who are already being provided with Free School Meals will receive at the end of this week, a Holiday Voucher for supermarket shopping to cover the half term break.

Please remember that we have a TWO week half term break this October, but only one of these weeks counts as a school holiday for FSM voucher allowance, because our first week off is an accrual of INSET Days.

If you think you may have become eligible for Free School Meals and have not yet applied, please take a look at the Eligibility Criteria below. You can [make an application by completing the form](#) here on our website. If it is easier for you, because you don't have access to a printer for example, you can provide the information required by simply typing it into an email to Mrs V Evans (vevans@carringtonschool.org).

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- 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)
- 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 guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you have any concerns about the FSM Holiday Vouchers, please contact our Finance Department on finance@carringtonschool.org for help.

Best wishes
The Carrington Team

