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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn. We encourage all children to have a healthy and nutritional meal at lunchtime and a snack during morning break. Research shows that children who have a nutritionally balanced meal (rather than one that has too much sugar and fat) are better able to concentrate in lessons. All our Campus meals comply with the government Standards for school food in England

(<u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standards-for-school-food-in-england</u>). We also encourage children to keep hydrated during the school day, preferably with water or other drinks without additives or added sugar.

## Free school meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically get free school meals. However, we encourage you to apply for free school meals, as this will help us to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning (<u>https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/new-starter-pupil-premium</u>).

The Pupil Premium is used to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed below.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- 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 (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBSJA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get free school meals.





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## How to apply

## Apply through the Citizen Portal -

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSC itizenPortal live. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If you would like any support with checking your eligibility or registering for free school meals then please contact reception on <u>reception@cranbrookeducationcampus.org.uk</u> or 01404 823293

Yours faithfully,

Mr Stephen Farmer Head of Campus

