

Universal Free School Meals – September 2014 Low Income Support Allowance/Get Into It Funding

You may be aware that from September all Infant school children will be entitled to a school meal, at no cost to parents. Our meals comply with school dinner regulations and are freshly cooked on the premises. Our mid-day supervisors will encourage children to eat their dinner but will not make it a point of contention, as we want the children to have a happy social break from their learning.

You can, of course, still send sandwiches if you wish.

In the morning, the children choose their main course from 2 options. There is always a vegetarian option available, along with fruit and wholemeal bread.

However, if you currently receive free meals, you will still need to register with the Free School Meal Office. WCC will write to all current claimants to renew their applications, and are encouraging parents to do this on line from 4th July 2014 at

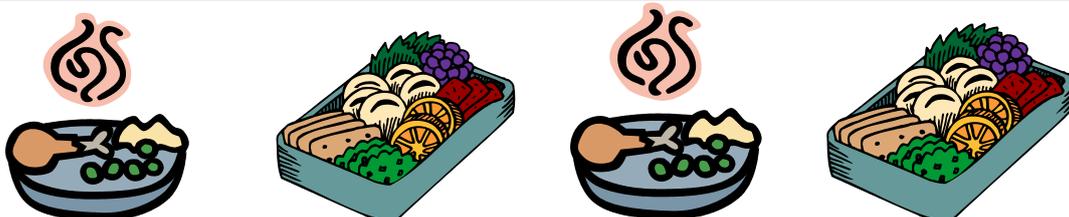
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

'Get Into It' Funding:

School receives extra funding for children from families with low incomes, and this helps us to provide extra support in school. Once eligibility is confirmed, families are entitled to 'Get Into It' funding for after school activities, school trips and visits, and academic support where needed. 'Get Into It' funding can also be used for out of school activities, such as 'Rainbows', dance lessons, football training etc.

The funding will only be available to parents once receipt of benefits received has been confirmed. This is an easy system, which can be done over the telephone, or on-line. Our office staff will be very pleased to help you with any enquiries. Initial applicants in Reception will also receive a voucher for the Schoolwear Centre, to pay towards their new school uniform.

Children do not have to take a school meal every day if they register, but the school will receive additional funding from the government to provide extra support.



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