



# Chestnuts Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your children have adjusted to the new school routines that have been put in place this year and that you were able to enjoy the half term break as well. This week, we are excited to welcome you all back for another half term at Chestnuts.

As a school, throughout the pandemic, we have tried to provide as much support and help for our children and families as we possibly can, both with learning and with other aspects of staying safe, happy and healthy. Now that the children are back in school with us, we are focusing on providing them with the best learning experiences that we can and we hope you enjoy finding out about these during parents evening this week.

We are aware, however, that this pandemic, will continue to be a challenging time for some families as people's working circumstances may be changing, especially with the government's announcement of a new national lockdown from Thursday and the extension of the furlough scheme. We would like to remind you all that, if your circumstances have changed, you may now be eligible to apply for free school meals and therefore additional support from school with things like uniform.

The government says your child may be able to have free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- 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 guaranteed 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



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If you feel that this may apply to you, please use the following website link to complete a quick and easy online check. If your application is successful, you will be given a unique reference code which you can take a screen shot of and email to us (the email address is at the top of this letter). We will then take care of the rest!

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

We know that these are unusual and potentially difficult times so please do contact us if there is anything that you think we can do to support you.

Yours faithfully,

Katie Robins  
Deputy Head



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