



Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meals

May I ask you to consider whether or not your son may be eligible for Free School Meals at TBGS?

Free School Meals are an entitlement for many students where the parents are earning below a given threshold and fulfil some other criteria.

If your son currently qualifies for FSM at a primary school outside of the Torbay LA then you will need to apply to Torbay Council ready for your son to start at TBGS in September. This can be done online via the link below.

With the entitlement to a daily, free, and nutritious, 2-course meal for you child, comes some additional funding for the school. Every student in receipt of Free School Meals or who has received Free School Meals in the last six years earns the school an additional grant in Pupil Premium. This Pupil Premium is then spent by the school on items that will benefit the student.

If you need any further information, please contact, the school bursar, dsimons@tbgs.torbay.sch.uk or the attendance officer, attendance@tbgs.torbay.sch.uk

Additionally, the following website has useful information: <http://www.turn2us.org.uk/Your-Situation/Bringing-up-a-child/Free-school-meals>

Applying is easy via Torbay Council and can be completed via an online form found here: <https://forms.torbay.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

May I stress that the FSM application and entitlement is 100% confidential and at TBGS we work to avoid any suggestion of stigma being attached to recipients. If a student is confirmed as eligible, the school will put the value of a daily two-course meal to the student's account as a credit in the same way that parents would transfer a cash amount. The student accounts are indistinguishable, so there is no indication that the credit on there is for FSM. Indeed, in some cases the student himself is not aware, if that is the parents' wish.

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