



# Free School Meals (FSM) Consent Form



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**Online Free School Meals (OFSM) Consent Form**

- I agree that you will use the information provided to process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as followed by law to verify my initial and ongoing entitlement.
- I agree that the information may be used to ensure accuracy of records across the local authority and the check against fraud.
- I agree that you can inform the school(s) attended by my child/children of their initial and ongoing entitlement to free school meals.

Eligibility is based on one of the following benefits:-

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with a total annual taxable income of less than £16,190 and are not receiving

Working Tax Credit

- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit depending on how much you receive if your partner is working
- have successfully obtained asylum status

To complete my application I confirm the following:-

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

National Insurance No: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children(s) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mrs Moira Loftus, Headteacher

## URGENT

**YOU COULD BE MISSING OUT ON FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR TOWNFIELD PLUS 50% OFF SCHOOL TRIPS & RESIDENTIALS – APPLY NOW!**

Dear all F2, Year 1 & 2 Parents/Carers

### Free School Meals & Funding available for you and TPS

You will be aware until your child enters year 3, they are entitled to Universal Free School meals as part of a government paid scheme. However, in addition to this, you may also be entitled to Free School Meals funded by the local authority, which despite its name, also comes with the additional benefit of further valuable funding for the school. Anyone who receives Free School Meals will then automatically become eligible for **50% of future trips and residentials for the child's entire time at Townfield**, regardless of whether or not their Free School Meals status changes in future.

If you earn below a certain amount or are receiving certain benefits, it is worth checking if you are eligible for this additional benefit for both your child and school. **YOU MUST APPLY TO BENEFIT!** In addition to your child receiving a nutritious, hassle free school meal, they will also benefit from:-

- ✓ a 50% discount off any school trips or residential for their entire school life at Townfield (regardless of whether they are still receiving free school meals in the future or circumstances change)
- ✓ extra funding for the school through Pupil Premium worth at least £900 a year

Even if you think you may not be eligible, it is still worth applying as our Online Free School Meals system will routinely check your circumstances periodically, and if your circumstances change in the future you will automatically be awarded Free School Meals by the Local Authority.

**Remember** – if you qualify for Free School Meals, your child and Townfield Primary School and your child will receive the above benefits, even if your child doesn't actually take up the free meal. Free School Meal applications do not affect any other benefits claimed. Furthermore, children at the school will not be made of aware of any children receiving free school meals.

We strongly encourage all parents to apply for Free School Meals. Applying is easy. You can either apply online yourself at the following website <http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral> or alternatively, complete the attached form and return it to the school office ASAP and we will apply on your behalf. Decisions for eligibility are almost instant so you will not be waiting a decision from the Local Authority. It's that simple.

If you want further information please call or email [schooloffice@townfield.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@townfield.wirral.sch.uk); everything discussed will of course be treated in the strictest confidence.

Yours faithfully



Jeanette Murphy  
School Business Manager

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