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# Dear parent,

# What is Universal Infant Free School Meals?

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) is funded by the government and provides all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a free school meal.

# What is Free School Meals (FSM)?

A Free School Meal (FSM) is a benefit that must be applied for and is only available to children from families who receive other qualifying benefits.

#### What is the Difference?

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get UIFSM.
- Children whose parents have successfully applied for FSM will receive government vouchers as and
  when they are approved by the government for distribution during Covid related school closure.
   UIFSM children do not.
- FSM children also receive a voucher if they do not attend school due to COVID19 absence. UIFSM children do not.
- The school gets additional money for FSM children which the school uses to improve your child's progress and attainment.

### Apply for FSM and receive a £30 Supermarket Voucher

'Help us help your child'

Apply for Free School Meals using the Hackney portal here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ce3jy4dc">https://tinyurl.com/ce3jy4dc</a> or scan the QR Code.

For new applications that are successful, we will inform you and gift you a £30 supermarket voucher to spend in the supermarket of your choice.

Scan Me 'Use your camera'

Yours sincerely,

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School Business Manager





