

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents,

All children in Reception receive universal free school meals. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be eligible to receive Pupil Premium support for your child. In addition, the household support fund ensures that eligible families will receive **£100** in the form of vouchers this September.

At Haywood Village Academy, this means that your child would be entitled to:

- a £30 uniform voucher when they are in reception and all the way to Year 6
- half-price school trips
- contributions to school to further support your child in their education

The qualifying benefits include:

- income support,
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA),
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included

It is worth everyone trying; we do not want any eligible child to miss out! It is quick and easy to apply, and this is the link you need: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

You will need to know your National Insurance Number to apply, and you will get an immediate result to let you know if you are eligible or not. You can use the above link to apply from now. If you feel able to complete the application by yourself, please do and email the result to the school by downloading the outcome by attaching it to an email and sending it to info@hva.clf.uk. If you require support to complete the online application, please let the office know and Mrs Saunter will be able to assist you. We do not want any eligible child to miss out so please do ask for support with the application process should you need it. **Applications MUST be completed by 21st September 2025. Do not apply again if you have already applied for this funding.**

Kind Regards, Mrs Saunter - Family Support Worker