



Jessop Stockwell Federation

Lead Headteacher: Ms A. Parker

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope everyone is keeping well; school is a quiet place without the children. We miss you!

Updates, reminders and information.

Universal Free School Meals (UFSM)

Every child in reception, year 1 and year 2 in **England** and Wales is entitled to a **free** hot lunch. This is regardless of their household income and has been the case since 2014.

Please note, this ends at the end of Year 2 and only continues for families who have already gone through the eligibility process for 'Free School Meals'. If you have not filled in the form and gone through the application process, you will be required to begin paying for school meals at the start of Year 3, unless you opt for providing your child with a daily packed lunch.

However, you do not have to wait until the end of year 2 to make an application.

Free School Meals (FSM)

In England, a Free School Meal (FSM) is a statutory benefit available to school-aged children from families who receive other qualifying benefits and who have been through the relevant eligibility process. This funding continues for a further **6** years, even if the family circumstances change, meaning, the eligibility remains and your child can continue to receive a Free School Meal.

If you believe you are entitled to Free School Meals, please fill in the form [here](#) and return it to the school. Should we find out that you are, there will be no back dated entitlement. However, you will go on to receive any benefits associated with Free School Meals. This includes the current distribution of e-vouchers.

Please do not call the school demanding your eligibility for FSM as this is not a process conducted by us. Simply, fill in the form and return it to the school. Once the Local Authority has informed us of your status, we will let you know. Equally, forms are available at the office for your collection.

Children's Mental Health Support

The DFE have updated guidance related to children's mental health [here](#) and [here](#)

Please also remember, Lambeth children have access to [Kooth](#) a free, online, confidential service for children aged 11 and above.

Keep inside, keep safe and I will keep in touch.

Regards,

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