

# Houghton on the Hill C of E Primary School



## Welcome to Foundation Stage

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Houghton C of E  
Primary School**

# Getting Ready for School

We are going to share with you some key information about kit you need.  
This information is also inside your Induction Booklet.

## TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Don't buy uniform too early!  
Buy slightly big to make uniform last longer.

Uniform will be on display at the Stay and Play session- your child can try on for size to order.



All parents will need to subscribe to ParentPay through the office. This allows you to pay for trips, uniform, etc (School dinners are free.) It will also help you to know what is happening in school and helps you not miss any important messages. **We are a cashless school**, so it is vital that you create your **Parent Pay** account. You will receive an activation email with your login details to create your account, which will be **active when your child starts school**.

# P.E

## PE kit list

Black shorts

Houghton PE t-shirt

Plimsolls

Drawstring bag



## STIKINS

Please name everything! Order name labels.

Go to [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

**The school code is: 10234**

This gives our school a small percentage of the earnings.

# Outdoor Learning

## OUTDOOR KIT LIST

Wellies

All in one suit

Joggers/ trousers

Long sleeved t-shirt

Fleece or warm jumper

Bag that your child will recognise



## Top tips

Name everything even the bag!

If you buy big on the outdoor all in one suit it will last through Year One too!

# Playtimes

- The children are supervised in the smaller playground each morning play and through lunch time play.



They have time in the larger playground, at the Fort, Trim Trail or the Daily Mile in afternoon play.

The children love the bigger space to run in!

- \* This ensures that the children have extra support with their Physical Development as well as Personal and Social skills such as taking turns.



# Lunch

We have a **NO NUTS** policy.

Nuts can be life threatening for some children in our school; please be careful about what you put into your child's packed lunch box!

Too much food means they also do not have enough time to play!



\*Your child will have their own Lunchtime Supervisor. There is a choice of a free school meal or bring a packed lunch.

\* Menus are available to look at. You select the vegetarian, or meat option in advance for us. Please pick the option you think your child will eat most of.

\* Any specific dietary requirements must be in writing and backed up by a GP or other medical team.

# Liaison with Staff



\* We know there are lots of reasons why children may not be feeling very happy. We like you to let us know on the door and there is always one adult available to talk to each morning. Please tell us if someone else is picking up your child.

## TOP TIPS

Keep regular routines for a good nights' sleep.

Let us know if you are worried about anything affecting your child.  
*Please do this after school , via ClassDojo or email if it will take longer.*



# Behaviour



We all know that children have different characters!

You know better than anybody what works and what doesn't so we will liaise closely with you so we can get the best from your child.

We have a sunshine peg system to motivate the children as well as lots of praise and stickers.

3 golden stars means a trip to the prize box!

# Reading



Your child will receive a FREE Reading Bag from Houghton School Helpers.

# Admission Questionnaire

## Admission Questionnaire

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Getting to Know My Family and Me**

I like to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

My preferred language at home is: \_\_\_\_\_

Other languages in my family are: \_\_\_\_\_

People who live in my house: \_\_\_\_\_

My experiences of being away from my family: \_\_\_\_\_

My experiences of playing with other children: \_\_\_\_\_

Special people in my life: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion for my family: \_\_\_\_\_

Any important events in my life: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Interests and Preferences**

My favourite activities and toys \_\_\_\_\_

Things I like doing outside \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in this form and return it to us next time you visit school so as class teachers we know everything about your child by the time they start school.

# Pupil Premium

## Why register?

Your child will get a free school jumper.

You get 50% off trip and swimming lesson costs.

Your child gets extra teaching support.

You receive free school dinners when aged 7-11.



**Leicestershire County Council**

### How often do I need to apply?

You only need to apply for free school meals once, your eligibility will then be checked on a 4 weekly basis via the central benefit records database. If after this check of eligibility it is found that you are no longer eligible we will write to you requesting to see proof of the benefits you are receiving.

**The types of benefit proof accepted are:**

- Recent documentary proof of being in receipt of Income Support (IS), Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) or Employment and Support Allowance – Income Related (ESA IR) from the Department for Work and Pensions
- For those in receipt of Child Tax Credit, most recent Tax Credit Award Notice – Form TC602 from the Inland Revenue
- Recent proof of receiving the Guarantee element of M1000 Pension Credit Award
- Recent proof of NASS letter or IS 96 (if claiming under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)
- Proof of a Tax Credit Decision Notice (only to be sent if applying for Temporary authorisation).

**IMPORTANT**

There is no legal requirement for the local authority to backdate entitlement or compensate families for the cost of school meals taken prior to the date an application for free school meals was made.

**It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify us of any changes to their benefit or circumstances during the school year which may affect their entitlement to claim free school meals.**

### Universal Infant Free School Meals

With the introduction of free school meals for infant children in September 2014 it is still important to confirm eligibility by the methods shown under the "How to Apply" section, this will ensure your school will be in a position to obtain further funding from central government to provide additional support to your child. This funding is also referred to as Pupil Premium. Please check with your local school to see what is available to you.

**It is really important that you register your eligibility to help make sure Leicestershire schools are as well funded as possible.**

**The easiest and quickest way to check your eligibility would be to ring one of the numbers below and our team will be able to deal with your enquiry straight away.**

**school food support service**

**If you have further queries or wish to discuss your eligibility, please contact free school meals on 0116 305 6588 or 0116 305 7093.**

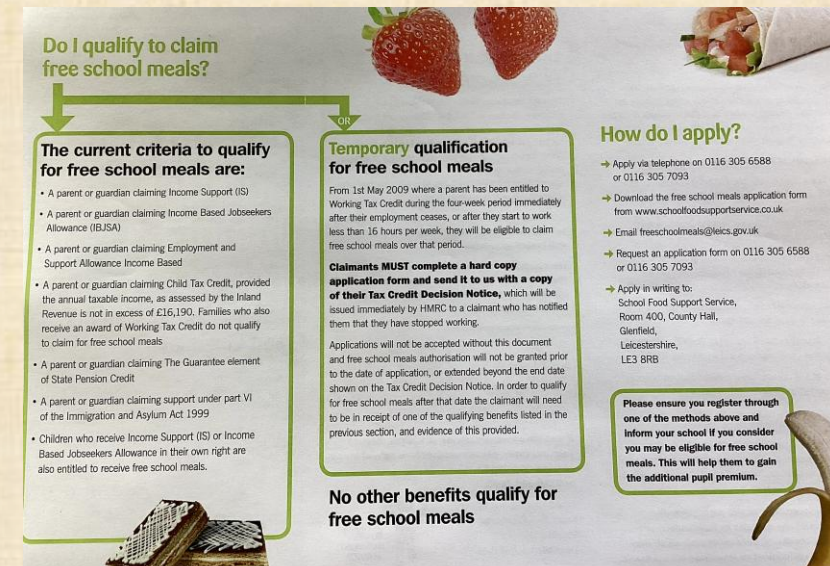
School Food Support Service, Room 400, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicestershire, LE3 8RB



## FREE School Meals and Universal Infant Free Meals

Information for Parents and Guardians

**school food support service**



### Do I qualify to claim free school meals?

#### The current criteria to qualify for free school meals are:

- A parent or guardian claiming Income Support (IS)
- A parent or guardian claiming Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- A parent or guardian claiming Employment and Support Allowance Income Based
- A parent or guardian claiming Child Tax Credit, provided the annual taxable income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue is not in excess of £16,190. Families who also receive an award of Working Tax Credit do not qualify to claim for free school meals
- A parent or guardian claiming The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- A parent or guardian claiming support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Children who receive Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

#### Temporary qualification for free school meals

From 1st May 2009 where a parent has been entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, they will be eligible to claim free school meals over that period.

**Claimants MUST complete a hard copy application form and send it to us with a copy of their Tax Credit Decision Notice**, which will be issued immediately by HMRC to a claimant who has notified them that they have stopped working.

Applications will not be accepted without this document and free school meals authorisation will not be granted prior to the date of application, or extended beyond the end date shown on the Tax Credit Decision Notice. In order to qualify for free school meals after that date the claimant will need to be in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits listed in the previous section, and evidence of this provided.

#### How do I apply?

- Apply via telephone on 0116 305 6588 or 0116 305 7093
- Download the free school meals application form from [www.schoolfoodsupportservice.co.uk](http://www.schoolfoodsupportservice.co.uk)
- Email [free-school-meals@leics.gov.uk](mailto:free-school-meals@leics.gov.uk)
- Request an application form on 0116 305 6588 or 0116 305 7093
- Apply in writing to: School Food Support Service, Room 400, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicestershire, LE3 8RB

**Please ensure you register through one of the methods above and inform your school if you consider you may be eligible for free school meals. This will help them to gain the additional pupil premium.**

**No other benefits qualify for free school meals**

# Being Ready for School



## Key things to do

Turn off devices and focus on talking.

Have fun and play alongside your child.

Practice name writing using a pre-cursive script **like this font!**

Encourage your child to practice getting dressed *and undressed*.

# Parent Help



# Transition into School



## School visits

Stay and play will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. You have 1.00pm or 2.00pm slots on your letter.

Meetings in the outdoor classroom happen after the summer.

Your child can come in and see the classroom and toys whilst parents talk 1:1 about any concerns.

We teach children to say goodbye at the gate but if needed they have time to sit on a chair with you in our outdoor classroom.

# Houghton School Helpers





**Thank you for listening.**

**We are happy to answer any questions now.**

**Also, please feel free to share or answer questions or concerns by email too.**

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