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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN £100 ARGOS VOUCHERS TO START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILD TO BENEFIT FROM FREE SCHOOL MEALS*?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL SIMPLY BY FILLING IN A FORM?

YOU MUST APPLY BY 1st OCTOBER 2021!

24.09.21

Dear Parent / Guardian

In order to ensure that all of our children access their full entitlements and do not miss out on any government funded supermarket vouchers during future school holidays, we are encouraging ALL of our parents to complete a free school meals application. It costs you nothing to apply and you might be better off. The only way you will find out whether you qualify is by completing the form online.

What's in it for me?

Quite simply, if you meet the eligibility criteria, your child might qualify for free school meals*. Also, if the government continues to fund free school meals during the holidays, you will get supermarket vouchers emailed directly to help with food costs.

As if this wasn't enough, we are offering ALL children the opportunity to take part in a draw to win a £100 Argos voucher and there are two up for grabs! You have nothing to lose.

What's in it for the school?

You might have heard about something called the 'Pupil Premium' that the government introduced some time ago. What this means is that, for every child who is eligible for free school meals, the academy will also receive a sum of money that is then used to make the best possible educational provision for all children. We don't just receive the money once – we will continue to get this for next few years, so you can see that it is in our interests too. If our parents don't apply for their entitlements the school will lose thousands of pounds.

I have already completed an application. Can I submit another?

Yes. We want all of our parents to complete the application form irrespective of whether they have done so in the past.

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I already receive Free School Meals for my child. Do I need to reapply?

You don't need to reapply but if you have any children who have joined school in Years Reception to Year 2 since 1st September 2021 please make an application for them.

My child doesn't want school meals. Can I still fill in the form?

Yes, absolutely. Even if you continue to send in a packed lunch, we will still receive the funding. (Although school meals in WISE Academies are fantastic quality, so why not get your child to try one if he/she hasn't already). If you are eligible to receive free meals it doesn't mean that you have to take them. However, the school will still benefit from the Pupil Premium.

Infants [Reception, Year 1 and Y2] get the meals free anyway. Why should I fill in the form?

It is true that all infant children receive universal free school meals. We still need you to complete the form though because it will still benefit the school through additional funding if you do meet the eligibility criteria.... And by returning the application your child will still have the opportunity to get the Argos voucher!

OK. I have decided that I would like to take part. What action do I need to take?

It's easy. Simply fill in the free meals application form attached in this link.
[Northumberland County Council](#)

This will take you to the Local Authority application section. You need to complete the form by Friday 1st October 2021. Please let the office know if you have applied between 01.09.21 and 01.10.21 so we can add your name to the draw for the vouchers. If you have already applied this term, you do not need to apply again.

We will notify the lucky parent/guardian in the last week of this half term. We will also put a notice on our usual school communications to announce the outcome.

Your reply will enable us to claim the correct level of funding and help us in many ways.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Jo Holmes
Head of School**

* Eligibility Criteria must be met. Free School Meals are not guaranteed.

Terms and Conditions of Draw for Vouchers

The draw for the vouchers is managed by WISE Academies. This is only open to parents/guardians of children who attend one of the WISE Academies settings.

Every parent/guardian who submits their fully completed free school meals eligibility application form will have the opportunity of being awarded the vouchers for their child. Entries may only be submitted on the Local Authority application form which must be fully completed. No other means of entry will be accepted.

Free entry:

There is no charge for entering the prize draw, no money is exchanged.

Number of entries allowed:

One entry per family only. You cannot re apply if you are currently in receipt of Free School Meals.

Entry address:

Entrants can only submit their entry by providing their contact details on the fully completed application form provided by the Local Authority for the participating school.

Closing date:

The closing date for submission of the form for entry to the draw for the vouchers is **5 p.m. on Friday 1st October 2021**. The draw will take place within one week of the specified closing date.

Prizes:

There are two £100 Argos vouchers available per academy.

Entry restrictions:

The prize is open to parents of children at any WISE Academy. The vouchers will be allocated through an independent, random draw to take place after the closing date. Only entrants who are 16 years of age and over may apply. WISE Academies employees are not eligible to receive the prize, nor anyone else directly associated with WISE Academies.

Cash alternatives to prizes:

There are no cash alternatives for this draw. The vouchers cannot be exchanged or changed.

Independence of the draw:

The draw will be independently supervised and the winners will be picked at random from all the entries.

Winner notification:

The winners will be notified via the participating school by email, post, SMS or phone. If the winner has not engaged within one month of notification or decides they do not want the prize, another draw under the same terms as the first draw will take place.

Promoter's name and address:

WISE Academies, Borodin Avenue, Sunderland SR5 4NX. Company Chief Executive: Zoe Carr.

Disclaimers:

All application forms must be submitted to the Local Authority for consideration as to whether the eligibility for free school meals is met. Contact details given by parents will be added to our database. We cannot accept any responsibility for incomplete, lost, delayed or damaged application forms.

Retention of terms and conditions:

It is a condition of entry into the draw that all terms and conditions are adhered to. Submission of an entry will be taken to mean acceptance of these terms and conditions.