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Dear Parents/Carers,

Cost of the School Day Survey Feedback – (April 2021)

I do hope you and your families are continuing to keep well. Having analysed the feedback from our recent survey I wanted to provide some information, which I hope, is helpful.

You said...

Some parents highlighted that they were unsure of the process to apply for free school meals or clothing grants.

Did you know...?

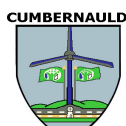
You may be entitled to apply for free schools meals if your child attends a North Lanarkshire school. All Primary 1 to 3 children are automatically entitled to receive a free school meal.

Applying for free school meals

To apply, please download and complete a free school meals application form below (address details are on the form). Click the link below to access the form.

Application form for free school meals and clothing grant 2020-2021

[Application for free school meals and clothing grant 2020/21 \[172.22 KB\]](#)



Once the council has made a decision, they will contact you using the mobile number or email address you supplied, or by letter.

The school will be informed once a new application has been accepted.

Eligibility

If you receive any of the following benefits and your child attends a North Lanarkshire school then you can apply for free school meals:

- ✓ Income support
- ✓ Job seekers allowance (income based)
- ✓ Employment and support allowance (income related)
- ✓ Universal credit (max. monthly income of £610)
- ✓ Child tax credit (gross annual income less than £16,105 and no element of working tax credit)
- ✓ In receipt of both maximum child tax credit and maximum working tax credit (gross maximum income below £7330)
- ✓ Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Did you know...?

You may be entitled to apply for an essential clothing grant if your child attends a North Lanarkshire school.

Applying for a clothing grant

To apply, please download and complete an application form below (address details are on the form).

Once the council has made a decision, they will contact you using the mobile number or email address you supplied, or by letter.

You can submit an application at any time throughout the school year. They are usually processed within two weeks.

Please include children who will be 16 years of age between 1 March and 30 September (children of school leaving age) on your form.

Eligibility

If you receive any of the following benefits and your child attends a North Lanarkshire school then can apply for a clothing grant:

- ✓ Income support
- ✓ Job seekers allowance (income based)
- ✓ Employment and support allowance (income related)
- ✓ Universal credit (maximum monthly income of £610)
- ✓ Housing benefit
- ✓ Council tax reduction (council tax discount or exemption does not apply)

To find out if you are eligible for free school meals, please contact the council's Financial Inclusion Team on 01698 332551 or by email Fit@northlan.gov.uk

Payments

Clothing grant payments of £110 per child are paid directly into a bank/building society account. We will make the payment when the school has confirmed that the pupil has return to school.

One clothing grant will be paid for any pupil during a school year.

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You said....

Uniform is the top cost for our families across a school year.

Did you know...?

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care is a registered charity, working since March 2016, with the aim of helping children and families in our communities. This charity provides two services in our local area - a School Uniform Bank and a Baby Bank - and also supports the work of other local charities and organisations who care for the communities of Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and surrounding villages.

Their School Uniform Bank aims to support children and families in need, through community recycling and donations.

The School Uniform Bank provides school uniform free of charge to those families most in need in the area, through a system of referrals. Packs provided to children and young people consist of new and pre-loved items.

This charity accepts referrals via social work, schools, health visitors and other relevant groups and organisations. For more information on referrals, please [click here](#).

For information on donating your preloved items, please see the Donation Guides in the Baby Bank and Uniform Bank sections of their website.

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Breakfast club

Did you know?....

Our breakfast club provides an excellent start to the school day.

NLC Breakfast clubs aim to:

- ✓ provide a healthy nutritious meal
- ✓ help children to be alert and ready to learn
- ✓ encourage children to mix with their friends
- ✓ improve attendance and performance throughout the day
- ✓ reassure parents that their child is safe when dropped off in the morning

All primary schools in North Lanarkshire operate a Breakfast club.

The opening times range from 8.15am until 8.50am and operate at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

The breakfast consists of cereal, milk and toast. This is free to pupils who are in Primary 1 to 3 and for pupils in Primary 4 to 7 who receive free school meals. For all other pupils the cost is £1 per day with a sliding scale for families of two at £1.50 per day and families of three at £1.80 per day.

Did you know....?

Club 365 is a programme that offers hot lunches and activities at weekends and holidays.

Club 365

Club 365 programme which provides hot lunches and activities at weekends and holidays has not been able to take place as normal this year due to the pandemic.

With Covid-19 restrictions continuing to impact Club 365 provision, and based on the success of the voucher scheme, parents of primary pupils who, under revenue and benefits criteria are eligible for free school meals will now receive a voucher every four weeks.

Payments will be made automatically on a four-weekly basis using the same mobile phone text/ paypoint approach. Eligible parents/ carers will receive a voucher of approximately £19.44 per child to cover weekend lunch costs. This payment will be higher during holiday periods.

The new voucher payment system will begin week commencing 21 September. Vouchers can be redeemed by being cashed and then spent on food at any shop, which has Paypoint, with a list of locations being available at consumer.paypoint.com

For all enquiries, please email: club365@northlan.gov.uk

You said.....

The cost of P4-P7 lunch is too expensive.

Did you know....?

North Lanarkshire Council is responsible for setting the cost of our school lunches.

You said....

It would be helpful to have a calendar to show proposed costs across the school year.

We will...

From the start of the new session (August 2021), we will aim to issue a calendar of proposed costs across the school year to enable all parents and carers to budget and plan ahead.

Kind Regards,

Ed Clinton

Head Teacher