

Pegswood Primary School News

<http://www.pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

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School Dinners

If you have yet to sign up for School Grid to order and pay for your child's school dinners by card or direct debit, please follow the link to do so. All other dinner money should be paid in cash to our school office. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not need to pay for their meals as they fall into the Universal Free School Meals. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to pay for their school meals unless they receive Free School Meals. If you feel that your circumstances have changed over the summer and that your child may qualify for Free School Meals, please see below. The school dinner price for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is £2.50 a day and £2.00 a day for Nursery.

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk>

Eligibility for free school meals

The government has made amendments to the eligibility criteria since April 2018. This is to reflect the introduction of Universal Credit.

PLEASE NOTE: Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents receive, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
 - Provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400
 - This is assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
 - Provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run on
 - Paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you should qualify for Free School Meals then please complete the below online form [here](#).

Cool milk

If you would like your child to have milk in school, you will need to order it through Cool Milk – the link is on our website and below. The only exceptions to this are if your child is under five or your child receives Free School Meals. Please inform the office if this is the case for school to order this.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

Individual Photographs

Our photographer will be in school on Monday, 29th September to take individual and sibling photographs (only siblings in this school). More information will follow closer to the date.

Admissions Portal for Year 6 parents

The admissions portal for secondary school opens today for parents of Year 6 children on the Northumberland County Council website. There is an accompanying letter for Year 6 parents, but the link to the site is [here](#).

Open Evenings for the secondary schools in our area are:

Ashington Academy – Thursday 25th September 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

St. Benet Biscop Secondary – Monday 29th September – 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

We are still awaiting to hear from NCEA Dukes Secondary as to when their open evening is.

Although we are now within the catchment area for Ashington Academy, please ensure that you put more than one school on your application, when listing your preferences, even if you do not want them to go to the second or third-choice school. If you do not receive your first option, with no other choice on the form, the priority of the application drops drastically, meaning you could be allocated a school further away from home.

The portal on the Northumberland County Council website closes on Friday 31st October 2025 (during half term). It is imperative that you do not miss this deadline; otherwise, your application will go to the bottom of the pile.

Nursery Open Evening

An early message about our Open Afternoon for Nursery. This will be on Wednesday 3rd December – 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm for prospective new starters. Please spread the date to friends and family who may have a little one that needs to start Nursery.

Wraparound childcare

For more information about wraparound care (Breakfast Club or After-School Club) please follow this [link](#).