



WC: 04/12/2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week at NUSA:

The countdown is well and truly on to Christmas here at NUSA.

We have lots of lovely plans in place over the next week to ensure your children go off in to their Christmas break in the way they deserve.

Each term, we like to collect your 'voice'. This allows us to inform our next steps to support both you as parents/carers, and your child. We have shortened the questionnaire to just two questions. We would be really grateful if you could take some time to complete it.

[Parent voice survey](#)

New dinner cost:

Unfortunately, due to rising food costs, our catering provider, Aspens, have informed us that they will need to increase the dinner tariff from £2.60 to £2.70 from January 1st 2024. This will automatically be increased for all students who are in receipt of a free school meal.

Free School Meal Vouchers Christmas

Nottingham City are sending to us a voucher of £45 for each student, that is currently eligible for free school meals. This will cover the 3-week Christmas break, starting on 18th December 2023.

For all of those that received free school meal vouchers for October Half Term 2023, you will receive another voucher for Hugg, to cover the break and will be sent to the same email address, you do not need to do anything else, relax. Completing the form again where you have received vouchers, will cause a delay to you in receiving vouchers, as it impacts the vouchers being processed. So please do not do this.

For those that are eligible, that **did not** receive vouchers, have additional children join our school since the last vouchers were sent, or that have questions, please read the below.

Q&A

My child is not entitled to free school meals – should I complete the form anyway?

No – the data is checked against that received from the local authority and your response will be deleted and reported.

I received vouchers for October 2023, from NUSA – should I still complete the form?

No, please do not apply again where you received vouchers for October 2023, you will automatically receive them for Christmas 2023. Reapplying **will** cause a delay in receiving your voucher(s). Rest assured, where you received them during the last holiday, you will be included automatically. **Unless** you have a child now at NUSA, that has joined year 7 for example. In this scenario you should complete the form, but just for the child you need to add.

My child is eligible for Free School Meals, but I did not receive them from NUSA for October 2023, how do I receive them for Christmas 2023?

Please [click here](#) and complete the form. Ensure you input all of your information carefully.

If I need to complete the form, when must I do this by?

Midnight on Monday 11th December 2023

What is the value of the vouchers?

£15 per week, per eligible child.

I did not receive a voucher previously; can I receive my other vouchers now?

No, vouchers that were available for previous holidays have now expired. We only have vouchers relating to the upcoming break.

When will I receive the vouchers?

Vouchers will be issued before 4pm on Friday 15th December 2023.

SEND Drop ins:

We offer a number of 'SEND drop ins' throughout the year for parents/carers. These are open to any parent/carer who may want to discuss their child's SEND needs further or parents/carers who have concerns that their children may have SEND needs that are yet to be diagnosed. If you wish to book an appointment in one of the slots below, please contact reception.

Wednesday SEND Drop in dates:
17/01/2024
07/02/2024
13/03/2024

Coming up at NUSA:

Date	Event
12/12/23	Christmas dinner
14/12/23	Christmas Rewards trip
15/12/23	Final day of term – school finishes at 12pm for all students

Safeguarding corner:

UK Safer Internet Centre – Threads, A Guide for Parents and Carers

New social media platform, Threads, is rapidly gaining traction. If you want to know more, here is a parent guide to the new app:

[Threads - A guide for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Emma Howard

