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## FREE SCHOOL MEALS - COULD YOU BE ELIGIBLE?

Dear Parents/Carers

Since September 2014, children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have had an automatic qualification to receive a free school meal. This change in entitlement meant that you would no longer be required to apply for free school meal (FSM) status for a child in those year groups. However, if you don't apply, but are in receipt of the benefits listed below, our school will miss out on additional funding of £1,300 per child. This is money we have previously used to support your child's learning in the school environment and help him/her to reach their full potential. Equally, if your child is now in Year 3 or above and you are eligible, you might be paying for meals when it is not necessary to do so!

Our school's use of this additional funding could increase the support we are able to give to children, as well as purchasing new resources for the school.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to check your eligibility and let us know if you qualify. If you could provide your date of birth and National Insurance number, we can make further investigations on your behalf.

Many thanks for your support, which is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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