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Dear Parents

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ENTITLEMENT

As you may be aware the Government has announced its intention to support all children in school who are eligible for free school meals by allocating additional funding.

We are concerned that a number of our families are missing out on this entitlement. Application for free school meals is very simple. Anyone in receipt of Income Support, income based Job Seekers allowance, support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum act, an income related employment and support allowance, State Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (with an income of less than £16,190) is eligible. Application forms to claim free school meals are available in the office.

There is an additional benefit to your child in school. Additional funds are given to the school by the Local Education Authority for every student who qualifies. We must ensure that we receive all of the entitlements intended for our youngsters both in school funding and also free school meals, but we need your help to do this. **PLEASE NOTE – YOUR CHILD DOES NOT NEED TO TAKE THE FREE SCHOOL MEAL BUT IT MUST BE APPLIED FOR IN ORDER THAT THE SCHOOL CAN GAIN ANY BENEFIT.**

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals and you have not applied, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

May we assure you that any information/application given is strictly confidential and any child who is entitled to free school meals will not be treated any differently from any other child.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Admin