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Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian

Free School Meals

Did you know that by registering for Free School Meals your child not only has the opportunity to enjoy a free school meal but they could also be entitled to a substantial reduction in the cost of some residential visits, after school activities and school holiday activities?

Am I eligible for Free School Meals?

If as a parent/carer/guardian you receive one of the following, you may be able to claim for Free School Meals.

- Income Support (IS) or
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (BJSA), or
- Guaranteed Pension Credit, or
- Child Tax Credit with a total annual taxable income of less than £16,190 and are NOT receiving Working Tax Credit, or
- Have successfully obtained asylum status, or
- People who claim Employment and Support Allowance income

Grants for school uniforms are no longer available. If you are a foster carer, and receiving a fostering allowance, you are not eligible to claim Free School Meals for those children you are fostering.

You can submit a claim over the phone by contacting the call centre on 606 2002 or by completing an application form which can be collected from any One-Stop-Shop. All application forms must be returned to any One-Stop-Shop.

I hope you find this information helpful and I would encourage you to take up your entitlement to Free School Meals if you are eligible.

Yours sincerely

**S McMahon
Principal**