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Free School Meals

Dear Parent/Carer,

Could your child be eligible for free school meals? There are a number of advantages to applying for free meals both for your child and the school.

Why register for free school meals?

Children who are registered for free school meals can have a free lunch at school, including a packed lunch if they'd prefer (as long as this is booked in advance). *You don't have to take up the option of a free school meal for your child every day and can make them a packed lunch if you'd prefer.*

Being eligible for free school meals also gives your child access to a range of free activities over the holidays ([HAF - Holiday and Activities Programme](#)) funded by the DfE.

Each child registered for free school meals also provides additional funding for the school through the pupil premium grant. This money is used by the school to support our children both pastorally and academically.

How do I know if my child is eligible for free school meals?

If you receive these benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less.

You can check if you are eligible by filling in the [Free School Meals form](#) and can find out more information at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

Please note, if your child is already receiving free school meals, do not reapply.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Farrell
Headteacher

