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Dear Parents/Carer

## FSM and additional funding for schools

As you may know, children from families who meet certain criteria may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). It is really important that you register for Free School Meals if you are entitled as the school receives **additional grant funding** from the government which makes a big difference to the school, providing additional funding to help support pupils' education. If you are registered for FSM, you may also be able to access school holiday meal vouchers.

**If you receive one of the following benefits, we would be most grateful if you could apply for your child's Free School Meals using the link below:**

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

You can access the online application at the following link.

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/pp-bccet>

You will also need the following information in order to apply:

- Your own name and date of birth
- Contact details (address, phone)
- National Insurance Number (or National Asylum Seekers Number)
- Child's name and date of birth
- School your child is attending/will attend.

Our experience is that families often qualify without realising and the system re-checks details every week, automatically updating our records if your status changes. So please do take a look and complete an application.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, they will already be receiving a funded school meal from the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal grant. However if you are eligible, please still make an application for FSM as this will unlock the additional grant funding described above.

We can also complete the application for you. If you would like us to do this for you, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S White  
Head of School