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Dear Parent/Carers

Re: Entitlement to Free School Meals

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out on money to improve your child's educational experience!

You may or may not be aware that one of the streams of funding we receive in school is through the eligibility of our pupils to receive free school meals. This money is then used on a wide variety of things to improve our provision, including extra staffing, after school clubs, revision sessions, teaching materials and extra-curricular activities.

Parents in England do not have to pay for school meals if they receive any of the following:

Qualifying Benefit

Income Support

Income - based Jobseekers Allowance

Income - related Employment and Support Allowance

Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (with no working tax credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Working Tax Credit run-on

Universal Credit (with no element of Working Tax Credit)

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

Come and talk to us if you're not sure. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming

Please can I ask that if you are eligible to receive free school meals, you complete the attached form (Students do not need to take up the meal everyday if they prefer packed lunches). The new school caterers provide healthy and well balanced options, with lots of choice for everyone. This will help the school in its drive to continually improve the educational experience for all of our pupils. Many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Alcorn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs. J Alcorn
School Business Manager