Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Free School Meals

All children moving into Year 3 from September will no longer qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

If you believe your child is entitled to Free School Meals moving forward you will need to register for them. If you do not register by 1st September 2020 but are in receipt of the benefits listed below you will be required to pay £2.30 per meal in advance.

You can apply for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

*Subject to parliamentary change.

Parents and Carers can check eligibility for Free School Meals through the LGfL FSM Eligibility Checker. You will need to provide your name, date of birth and National Insurance Number or Asylum Seeker Reference to check. A Certificate of Eligibility will be available for parents to print or email on completion of the check to give to the school.

Children who are registered for Free School Meals also attract extra funding for the school. This funding is called ‘Pupil Premium’ and you can read more about what this is and how it is spent in the leaflet attached. Additional Pupil Premium Funding is also available for children adopted from care (currently £2300) and children of service families (currently £300). If you think your child is eligible, please contact Mrs Orley in confidence to ensure funding can be secured.

If you need any help with checking your eligibility, please contact the school office.

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