Dear Parent/Carer,

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Since the introduction of the Universal Free School Meals programme there has been a reduction in the number of families applying for Free School Meals, which means that school loses out on vital funding which is used to benefit the children.

Families in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible to receive free school meals for their child/ren. Your child/ren is eligible to receive free school meals if you receive one of the following benefits *(even if your child brings a packed lunch or has Universal Free School Meals)*:

• Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (616.67 per month)

• 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 guarantee element of Pension Credit

• Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC

• Working Tax Credit run-on paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,480** for your child’s primary school. This money is used to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or fund resources.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

If you think your child is eligible, we need some additional information about you and your child. Please complete the application form and return to school.

Thank you in advance for your support,

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Miss M Flynn

Headteacher