

16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

**Could your child be eligible for free school meals?**

In these difficult financial times, we want to make sure that you're getting all the help that you are due

A lot of people don't claim free school meals even though they are entitled.

You don't need to worry about other children knowing your child gets free school meals. Only the school and catering staff will know.

You could save £400 a year for each child and your children could benefit from a good hot meal at lunchtime. Our school will benefit too – we will get pupil premium from the government for every child on free school meals.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- 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 (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Please contact the school office, in confidence, with you and your partner's NI number and dates of birth and we will be pleased to check on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

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Business Manager

