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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Like you, the School is determined to give your child the best possible start in life.

We know that having a proper meal in the middle of the day will provide better energy levels, helping your child to concentrate and learn better.

One way you can support your child is by applying free school meals if your family meets the conditions below.

Your children will be entitled to Free School Meals if you receive any of the below:

- 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 - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year [after tax and not including any benefits you get]

You can apply online through our school website www.hestoncommunityschool.co.uk
Click on > **Parents > Free School Meals And Online Payment > Free School Meals.**

Once the Free School Meals application has been approved, you will also be able to apply for a School Uniform Grant to help with the purchase of uniforms items.

Yours faithfully,

Ms S Summerell/Welfare Manager

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