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Dear Parent/Carer,

Due to the current pandemic your circumstances may have changed and you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please see below.

I am writing to all parents and carers to encourage those who are eligible to apply for Free School Meals. Even if your child is in Reception, Y1 and Y2 and receives Universal Free school meals or your child brings in a packed lunch, we still need parents to apply for Free School Meals so that the school can receive additional funding. If you are entitled to benefit means tested free school meals then you may be entitled to receive free school meals vouchers if your child is working from home at the moment.

Applying for a free school meal could raise up to an extra £1320 per annum for six years for your child's school. This is funded by central government and helps to fund valuable teaching and learning support in school (and is still paid to the school even if your entitlement ceases).

Parents that apply and receive this benefit do not have to pay for school visits for all the time the pupil is at the school.

Free school meals are available to children of families who are in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Jobseekers Allowance (income based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income based)
- Guarantee Credit (the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit)
- Universal Credit (UC)
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, **provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit** and have a **total** annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Please note: If you receive Working Tax Credit only, your child is NOT eligible.

You can apply online at: https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals or you can complete the attached form and **we can apply on your behalf.**

Please consider applying if you think you may be eligible as this income is really important for the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McGibney

Head Teacher

Application for Free School Meals

Name of parent:

National Insurance Number:

Parent's date of birth:

Parent's Email Address:

Name of Child:

Name of Child:

Name of Child:

Benefit received:

I give permission for Whitmore Park School to apply for free school meals on my behalf:

Signature