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Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the circumstances for many of us have changed. This means that you might now be eligible for 'Free School Meals' funding. If you meet the criteria, your child would be entitled to a free meal, daily. In addition to this, the school receives additional funds to support with learning and extra-curricular activities. This can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for our school (and is still paid to the school even if your entitlement stops).

If you think you may be eligible, then please click on the following link to sign up:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/free-school-meals-online-application-form/>

We are very keen that all those who are eligible **DO** sign up, even if your child does not plan to have hot dinners or is entitled to "Universal Infant Free Meals" due to being in Reception to Year 2 classes, as the school still receives the additional funding.

From 1st April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you receive Working Tax Credit only, your child is **not** eligible.

If you are not sure or have any questions, or would like support in completing the online form, then please contact us and we would be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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