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Dear Parent/Carer,

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- 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
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Even if your daughter does not purchase a school dinner, applying for this funding can make a huge impact on your daughter's educational experience. Registering for free school meals could also raise an extra £935 for your child's school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities for your daughter. These funds could be used to subsidise school trips for your daughter and to provide resources (e.g. revision guides) that you would usually be asked to pay for. This additional money (Pupil Premium) is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

If your daughter is eligible for free school meals the appropriate funds will be added to her account automatically, thus ensuring confidentiality and eliminating any embarrassment that your daughter may be concerned about. If you think your daughter might be eligible, please contact Hertfordshire County Council directly www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Jackson

Assistant Headteacher