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Dear Parent/Carer,

APPLICATIONS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The government has recently changed the date used for counting numbers of pupils eligible for free school meals for the purposes of working out extra funding due to schools. This is now based on the school census day in October (7th). It's therefore really important for our school that all pupils who meet the criteria have had their eligibility checked and confirmed before that date. Even if your child is in Reception/Year 1 or Year 2 and therefore gets a free meal anyway, **please do still apply if you think you meet the criteria** outlined in this letter as this will generate pupil premium funding for your child and other extra funding into the school.

To be eligible for free school meals you must be in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit, with an income below £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Universal Credit and employed – take home pay must be no more than £616.67 per month
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, under section 95

Please do not apply if you are receiving:

- Working Tax Credit, if so you are not entitled to free school meals no matter what your annual income is;
- Universal Credit and you or your partner you are living with are employed and your 'take home pay' is more than £616.67 a month
- Child Tax Credit with no Working Tax Credit, your annual income must be no more than £16,190 to receive free school meals.

If you feel you meet the eligibility criteria we would be most grateful if you could please fill in the application form which is located at the link below

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

Yours sincerely

CL Teale
Principal

Greenwood Academies Trust

