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Dear Parents and Carers,

Do you think your child could be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)?

Free School Meals in West Sussex schools 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

Full information and details of how to apply for Free School Meals can be found at https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/.

The Free School Meals benefit is different to Universal Free School Meals. All families in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, respective of their financial situation.

If you are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals and your child is already receiving Universal Free School Meals, it is important that you do register. This will enable our school to claim valuable "Pupil Premium" funding. This is an additional grant the school can invest in providing extra support for your child at school.

If you have any questions regarding free school meals or need help making an application, please contact Mrs Lewis or Mrs Besant in the school office.

Kindest regards,

L. Martin

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