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Dear Parents/Carers

## Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals? Do you meet the following criteria?

If you are not already receiving Free School Meals for your child please read the information below. You may be able to claim and receive additional benefits – School Holiday Meal Vouchers or School Uniform contribution. School will also receive additional funding to support your child’s education and help to buy equipment and resources.

You can claim free school meals for a child who lives with you and who you are responsible for. Your claim will be automatically processed if you receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support and get any of the qualifying benefits. Your child is eligible for Free School Meals if you get 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 Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run- on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

## Infant Free School Meals

If your child attends a state funded infant school and is in Key Stage 1 (reception, year 1 or year 2), they are entitled to ‘universal infant free school meals’ regardless of your income. It is still possible, if you meet the criteria above, for you to claim for Free School Meals for your child and receive the additional benefits of School Holiday Food Vouchers.



## Parents of Infants who receive the above qualifying benefits:

You can apply for free school meals if you think you might be entitled, because your school gets up to £1,455 additional funding (Pupil Premium) to support your child's education and can help to buy new equipment and resources. This money is only paid if you apply for free school meals and are confirmed to be entitled.

If your claim is successful, the school will be notified that your child can have free school meals.

You can make a claim by following this link:

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/532>

If you need any assistance completing the Application Form please contact the school office, 01909 770291 or call in.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola McMullen  
School Business Manager

