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Dear Parents and Carers,

Free School Meals

As from 2nd September this year, all children in key stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to the Government's universal free school meals programme. However, you may not be aware that if your child is in **any** year group in school, they may also be eligible for free school meals if you or your partner are in receipt of **one** of the following:

- 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 Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

NOTE: If your child is entitled to free school meals as they are studying in KS1 **you must still apply for FSM through the normal channels if you are claiming any one of the income support items listed above.** This is so the school will still receive funding from another source called the Pupil Premium.

Free school meals mean they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the bills and the fuss of making packed lunches. Many children at our school are already eating free school meals, and your child may be able to have them too.

School meals will give your child a real appetite for learning and help them to achieve their full potential. There is nothing healthier for your child and your family's budget than free school meals. As professional cooks prepare the meals for your child, it saves you having to worry about the effort and expense of making packed lunches every day.

Savings for your family

If you were planning to pay for your child to have school meals or are already doing so, you could save around £350 per year if your child qualifies for free school meals.

Think of the time you'd save if your child is eligible and has free school meals instead of packed lunches. You could save up to 190 hours a year which is the time needed to make packed lunches that meet the nutritional standards of school meals – that's just over a week!

To make sure your child doesn't miss out, contact: Mrs Woolley or Mrs Bennion in school,
or contact Shropshire Council direct using one of the following: Telephone: 0345 678 9000
Email: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/are-you-eligible-for-free-school-meals/>
Postal address: Free School Meals, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

Yours sincerely,
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