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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:

- 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 Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

As your child is moving from primary to secondary education even if your child is currently entitled to free school meals we need to check eligibility so that these can continue.

As we operate a cashless catering system, free schools meals are issued discretely so that no other students can possibly know that an individual is receiving a free school meal. Even the individual student does not need to be aware that this is the case. To make an application for free school meals you can complete the form online using the link below or contact the school office.

Please go online at https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside to complete your on line application on the last page please specify **ALDER** as your child's school.

Yours sincerely

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