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ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

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Dear parents/carers,

I am sure that you have seen in the media over the last few days that Marcus Rashford has successfully persuaded the Prime Minister to continue to provide free school meals for all children during the summer holidays. There are many families not currently in receipt of free school meals that are missing out on the benefits that this scheme offers.

What is the benefit?

If you qualify for free school meals, the following will benefit you:

- **A daily free school meal if your child is in school OR a £15.00 supermarket voucher per child per week if your child is at home INCLUDING a weekly voucher per child during the school holidays – vouchers only during pandemic**
- **A free school jumper and tie for each child that qualifies**
- **The school will also receive additional funding for any child who qualifies to support them with their education**

Am I eligible?

All children from reception to Y6 are eligible for free school meals, regardless of whether your child receives a universal free school meal in reception, Y1 or Y2. You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's 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)

You can apply for nursery-age children if they attend before and after lunch sessions at a local authority nursery school, nursery class or an Academy nursery if it has the same Ofsted number as the primary school.

How do I apply?

The application process is really simple. You can apply using the following link:

<https://synergyweb.cheshireeast.gov.uk/Website/>

You will need your National Insurance number and the child's date of birth to complete the application. For more help or support, please call: 0300 123 5012. If you qualify, you will be able to receive the benefits that week. If you complete the application and successfully qualify, please notify the school office so that we can ensure you receive your benefits.

Kind Regards,

Mrs S Thompson
Head of School

