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Dear Parents,

Did you know that your child could qualify for free school meals and potential support with meal vouchers during any future lockdown?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a funded school meal, known as the **Universal Infant Free School Meal**. Northbrook Primary Academy actively encourages all families entitled to **benefits-based Free School Meals** to apply, including families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as this will ensure not only your child receiving delicious, healthy meals without the bills and fuss of making packed lunches but also additional school funding that will help us support your children further in school. This extra funding is known as the 'pupil premium'. The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to focus additional resources on helping pupils who are eligible to reach their full potential. The more pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives on their behalf.

Please remember registering for free school meals does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they do not want to but it does bring this 'top up' funding to enable us to ensure they are supported in other ways to ensure they can do their best.

Your child may be able to get benefit based free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

Families should contact Lancashire County Council on 01772 532109 to re/register children for 'benefits based' Free School Meals. Further information is available on the government website Apply for free school meals GOV.UK or read our Free School Meals Information Leaflet with this letter.

Alternatively, if you think that you may be eligible, please complete the attached form and send it to the Pupil Access Team directly at: **Pupil Access Team South, Level 1, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ.**



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If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

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