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Dear Parents

We believe there could be parents who are entitled to claim free school meals for their child who are not currently doing so. It is very important that parents do claim, as it helps the school both financially and statistically, especially for the annual census, which takes place during October.

Even though all KS1 children are currently receiving a free school dinner, we still need parents to claim if they are entitled.

An entitlement does not mean that the children have to take up free school meals, they may continue to have their packed lunch if they prefer.

This is especially important since the Government's introduction of 'Pupil Premium'. **Each pupil on the Free School Meal list will entitle the school to receive further funding in the budget.** This extra funding may continue for the entire time the child is at primary school and possible longer, even after a child is no longer entitled to Free School Meals.

The criteria for claiming free school meals are as follows:

- Income Support / Jobseekers Allowance (income based) / Employment and Support Allowance (income related).
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit).
- Pension Credit – guarantee credit.

If you receive one of the above, you could be entitled. To find out further information, please contact Sue Ball in the office as soon as possible. **All claims are strictly confidential.** Should you need assistance with the completion of the form, Sue will be more than happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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Miss K Martin
Head of School