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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can, so we want to encourage you to apply for free school meals for your child if you are eligible for this scheme.

Registering for free school meals will also raise extra money for the school to spend on providing a great education to the pupils. The school will receive an additional £1,345 per year per child.

Even if your child gets free meals at present, there will be significant extra money to support your child's education and other benefits.

Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If your child is eligible for free school meals now, they'll continue to receive free school meals until at least 31 March 2022.

Apply for free school meals

To apply for free school meals for your child, please click on the link below.

[Verwood CE First School & Nursery Free School Meals online application form - Click here](#)

You'll need your National Insurance number or Asylum Seekers Service number so we can make automated checks to confirm your entitlement.

We'll let you know straight away if you qualify for free school meals and send you a confirmation email.

If you need any help in completing the form, please contact Suzette Didcott on 01202 822652 and we can assist or complete the form on your behalf.