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Dear Parents/carers

Eligibility for Free School Meals

We would like to take the opportunity to make you aware that your child may be eligible to receive Free School Meals.

If you are in receipt of any of the following, then the answer is **Yes** – your child is eligible to Free School Meals:-

The entitlement criteria from 1 April 2018 is -

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- eligible for Child Tax Credit **but not** Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. **Please note:** anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your child, you can apply online: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

This online application form is the quickest way to apply. If you are entitled, then you can claim from the date of your on-line application; however, this cannot be backdated.



If you have any queries please either contact school or:-

Free School Meals
Staffordshire County Council
Tipping Street
Stafford
ST16 2DH

Email: freeschoolmeals@staffordshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 01785 278928 or 01785 278966

Also, it would be really helpful if you could let us know that you have been successful with your application; this will ensure that any additional funding we receive can be prioritised for your child. Please email confirmation to: enquiries@hartschool.org.uk

If you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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