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FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are aware that the effects of the COVID-19 virus may have reduced some household's income and we are keen to work with our families to ensure they access any additional help available to them.

Free school meals can save families over £200 per year per child and can lead to other benefits. Furthermore, registering for free school meals will raise extra funding from central government for the academy to fund valuable support for students.

This is **not** part of the Universal Free School meals offered to all children from Reception to Year 2, however children in these year groups will benefit from free sweatshirts and school trips, therefore, it is vitally important that you apply for free school meals even if your child is in any of these year groups.

Once it has been confirmed that your child/children are entitled to Free School Meals, you will be provided with **two free Dixons Marchbank Primary sweatshirts** for the next academic year. Your child/children will also receive free milk, free trips and residential visits and free access to our Breakfast club provision whilst you are in receipt of free school meals. We currently provide discounted trips even if your entitlement to free school meals has stopped.

All details relating to children in school are kept confidential, so the children are not aware of who is on the register for Free School Meals in school.

Can I apply for free school meals?

Free School Meals are available to any full-time student, who is still at school and eligible. You can get Free School Meals for your child if you or your partner receives any of the benefits listed below.

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- 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

You can apply for free school meals yourself or see if you qualify by checking online at

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/>

If you are not sure on how to apply, please complete the form on the reverse of this letter and return it to the school office and Mrs Sameera Khan who will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely



Mrs H Haunch
Principal



If you would like us to check eligibility on your behalf, please provide the following details:

Your child's details

Surname:

First names:

Date of Birth:

Parent/Carer details

Surname:

First names:

Date of birth:

National Insurance Number:

This information will be used by school and the council to check if your child is eligible, it will not affect any benefits you may be claiming.

Parent/Carer signature:

Date:

Please return to the school office at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

