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AND RESOURCED PROVISION FOR
HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parent

Free School Meals Eligibility

Part of the way schools are funded is based on how many pupils are **entitled or have been entitled to** receive Free School Meals. Being entitled to free school meals can also entitle you to reduced costs for certain school trips as well as the free school meals. It is not who actually has them but whether they are entitled to receive them. If you believe you are entitled to claim for free school meals for your child please log onto the following website and complete the application form at the link: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

or contact the school office and they will be able to help you if you can provide certain information.

In order to be eligible for Free School Meals parents/guardians must be in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are **NOT** entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income, as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

If your child is currently having or entitled to Free School Meals then you need do nothing as we already have your information in the system.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C La-Garde
School Business Manager