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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the message regarding Free School Meals on Monday, we now have further information regarding eligibility. School may be able to apply on your behalf, please read through to the end of this letter.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit (**not working**)
- Universal Credit (**working and net earnings are less than £7,400 per year**)*
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are **not** also entitled to **Working Tax Credit** and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit Run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- If you get support under **part VI** of the **Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
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* **Please note:** To be entitled to claim free school meals (FSM) when working and claiming Universal Credit, the earnings for one period should be no more than £616.67, earnings for the last two periods should be no more than £1,233.34, and the earnings for the last three periods should be no more than £1,850.00. Therefore if your earnings for one, two or three periods are below the upper earnings limits stated, you would be entitled to claim FSM. You will need to upload screen shots of each page of the relevant payment statement(s), especially the page(s) showing any deductions that are being made, with your online application, so we can then determine if you are entitled to claim free school meals. However, if your earnings for one period exceed £616.67, or if your earnings for two periods exceed £1,233.34, or if your earnings for three periods exceed £1,850.00, then you would not qualify to claim FSM.

If you think your child is eligible you can make an application: <https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/>

Alternatively, you can reply to this SeeSaw message with your National Insurance Number, we can then make a request on your behalf to the Local Authority to see if you are eligible.

Please do not send your NI number to any other SeeSaw group.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher