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Dear Parents / Carers,

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals it means he/she can enjoy healthy meals without the bills, and without the fuss of making packed lunches. Many children at our school are already eating free school meals, and your child may be able to have them too.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits/support payments:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their annual income does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.
- Young people who receive Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit, Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance in their own right may also be eligible to receive FSM.

If you pay for your child to have school meals you could save around £580 per year if your child qualifies.

If you have children in primary school and you access free school meals you will also be entitled to a one-off clothing grant of £105 for your child when they move up to their first year of secondary school.

All schools receive £1050 additional funding for every child registered for free school meals which is directly targeted at free school meal pupils. This year we have used that additional funding to provide extra academic support

In order for your child to receive free school meals, you will need to fill out an application form either online by visiting www.caerphilly.gov.uk and typing 'free school meals' into the search field or complete an application form which is available from school reception and returning it to Catering Services, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, CF82 7PG.

If you have any questions, please contact Catering Services on 01495 235262 (or email catering@caerphilly.gov.uk). A member of the team will be able to advise you.

Yours sincerely,

John Kendall
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