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Dear Parent / Guardian

**Help your child and your school – register for Free School Meals**

Did you know that just by having your child registered as entitled to free school meals you can increase funding for children’s education from the Welsh Government? By becoming registered, you need not take the meal but the choice is then yours.

Below is the criteria for eligibility for FSM if parent(s) are in receipt of any of the following:

* 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

The electronic application form is on the Flintshire County Council website in two places within the Resident area; Schools/School Meals and Council Tax & Housing Benefit/Benefit Forms (see links below). Also, if you type ‘FSM’ in the search box (top right) that will take you directly to the form.

 <http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Home.aspx>

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-Tax-and-Benefits/Home.aspx>

By registering your free meal entitlement, you may also automatically become entitled to help towards residential school visits (called a remission allowance.)

Yours sincerely,

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Head teacher