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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

You may not have to pay for your child's lunchtime meal when they move into Year 3.

**Which means you could be saving nearly £10.50 per week, that's around £390.00 per year and over £1950.00 over 5 years!**

At Red Hall Primary School, we are committed to working with students and their families to ensure that they are fully supported in their learning. We recognise that this extends beyond the class room and we want to make sure that the health, well-being and opportunities for learning for all of our students is the best that it can be. One of the ways that we can do this is to make sure that everyone who is eligible for free school meals completes the form, whether they wish to take the free meal on offer or not.

We know that parents are asked to complete many forms for school but this information is very important to us and will have an impact on the amount of money coming into school, from the government. This money may then be used to offer breakfast clubs and extra-curricular activities.

**Could we therefore ask that if you meet the eligibility criteria below regardless of whether or not you wish to claim a free school meal, that you please provide the necessary information on the enclosed form.**

#### **Free school meals - eligibility criteria**

If you receive any of the following benefits, free school meals may be available for your child(ren):

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals.

Entitlement to free school meals is kept as confidential as possible. The government reviews eligibility criteria on an annual basis and the school office can advise you of any changes in criteria.

**Other services that may be available to you if you claim free school meals...**

**School music service instrument hire**

If your child is eligible for free school meals, then you do not have to pay for the hire of their musical instrument. Contact school for more details.

**Music lessons**

In Darlington most schools are able to offer free or subsidised lessons to those eligible for free school meals. Contact us to see if we are able to subsidise instrumental/vocal lessons.

**Applying for free school meals**

I should be grateful if you would complete the attached form and return it to the school office by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September so we can ensure our records are as accurate as possible. If you would like any help completing the form, or have any queries, please contact our school office.

**Please do not worry if your circumstances change, you can apply for free school meals at any time.**

Yours faithfully,



Julie Davidson  
Executive Headteacher

