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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Free School Meals

Please note that there have been recent changes to the eligibility criteria for free school meals (FSM). A child may be eligible for FSM if their parents receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parents are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax credit
- Universal Credit – for those applying on or after 1 April 2018, their household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits they get)

A child may also be eligible for FSM if their parents have no recourse to public funds (NRPF). This is for children of:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If your child is eligible for free school meals please visit the Newham Free School Meals page to register. The application link can be found here:

https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application_for_Free_School_Meals. If you have any questions or specific concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Manager. Should you wish to be supported with your FSM application, parents are welcome to visit the Learning Hub during Student Progress Day on Friday 17th March where there will be staff available to assist-a National Insurance number will be required for this process.

Yours sincerely,

Ruthana Christofides
Deputy Headteacher