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Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers

Re: Moving into Year 3, Apply for Pupil Premium Free School Meals (FSM)

As your child will soon be moving into Year 3 which means they will no longer be eligible for UFSM (Universal Free School Meals), therefore parents/carers must reapply for the means-tested benefit at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

This means that from September, when we return to school, you will be charged £2.85 every time that your child has a school lunch. You can however apply for Pupil Premium Free School Meals, which we ask you to do now, please do not wait until September as FSM cannot be claimed retrospectively. If you are eligible the school will also receive extra funding which we can use to improve educational provision and resources.

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Apply today if you receive any of the above benefits. It takes 5 minutes and in most cases you will be told straightaway if your child is eligible for free meals at school. Please apply at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/FSM>

Yours faithfully

Sarah Joyce
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