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Dear Parents and Carers

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

As your child will soon be moving into Year 3, they will no longer be eligible for UFSM (Universal Free School Meals).

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.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

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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