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Dear Parents and Carers,

To make this letter regarding school meals easier to understand there is a key below.

Free school meals (FSM) - Parents must meet the criteria detailed below and complete an online application form. If you are eligible to claim, please do so because for each valid claim the school receives additional funding and your child will receive free meals while you remain eligible.

Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) – All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a school meal free of charge, however there is no additional funding to school.

1. **Free School Meals (FSM)** – parents complete a simple online application form. For every pupil registered with the council as eligible under the entitlement criteria below, the school will receive additional funding in the school budget called Pupil Premium (£1,300 per child) which is used to help raise achievement levels.

Families who are eligible for FSM include those on:

- Income Support.
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. Please note: anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of income, you will not qualify.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (from 30th April 2005).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- In receipt of the 4 week run of Working Tax Credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to Working Tax Credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time).

If you wish to claim for free school meals, please type the following web address into your computer's browser and apply online or click [here](https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/apply-free-school-meals).

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2. Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) – Currently, all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are eligible for a Universal Free School Meal. No application is needed but no additional funding to your child's school, as per the Pupil Premium.

The provision of Universal Free School Meals is to play a key role in promoting and supporting healthy eating and lifestyles. It will enable children to try a wider range of foods, as well as give them the fuel they need for an afternoon of focused and high quality learning.

To sum up:

- If you meet the suggested criteria for FSM, please submit a claim and this will increase the level of funding to the school.
- A blanket entitlement to Universal FSM will continue to be provided to all in Reception Class, or Year 1 or Year 2 class.

Kind Regards,

Catherine Thomas
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