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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **RE: Free School Meals**

As I am sure you are aware, **some children are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM)** based on parental income. This not only entitles you to a **free hot meal** during the school day, but also gives you **access to the government and council voucher schemes**, which have been running during the pandemic.

Currently, if your child is in **Reception**, **Year 1** or **Year 2**, **they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals**, which provide a government funded meal each day, regardless of income. However, **as these are universal**, **they do not allow you to access any additional voucher schemes** which may run during future holidays.

If your child is in Year 3 and you have not applied for FSM, it may be worth checking to see if you are entitled to them as your child is no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If your child is in Years 4-6 and you are not already in receipt of Free School Meals, you may also wish to check your entitlement.

While no holiday voucher schemes have yet been announced, in order to access them in future, your child would need to be registered as FSM in school. If you would like to check your entitlement to Free School Meals, the school office can complete this check for you. All we need is your name, date of birth and national insurance number.

As the information required is personal, **you can request the check by phoning the school office on 020 8998 2479**. Any personal information shared (which we do not already have on record) will be kept confidential and shredded/deleted once the checks have been carried out.

If you would like to complete your own application please go to:

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201111/education grants and financial assistance/701/free school meals/1

Yours sincerely,

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