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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is to remind you of the importance of applying for benefit related Free School Meals (FSM), if you think your child is entitled to them. This is regardless of whether they are in Reception and Key Stage 1 or not and whether your child will eat a school dinner or not. The FSM entitlement also brings additional funding to the school in the form of Pupil Premium - it is this funding which allows the school to provide many of the extras that our school offers your child: subsidising the cost of school trips, additional TA and ELSA support to carry out 1:1 / small group interventions, free school meals from Year 3, to name just a few.

If you are receiving benefits such as Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance (Income based), Universal credits and in some cases, working tax credits (where there is a run on) and feel that your child may be entitled to a free school meal, please contact the school for further information and support in registering your child.

As an extra incentive for pupils who have never before registered for FSMs, **we will provide a £25 Tesco voucher** to you as a thank you, if your application is successful. If you unsure if your child has previously been awarded an entitlement, please ask in the school office.

Many thanks.

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