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Dear Parents/Carers

School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals ("universal"), however depending on personal circumstances, we would encourage you to apply for "means-tested" free school meals. Please see below to help understand this.

Parents/Carers **not in receipt of benefit** – your child will be entitled to **Universal infant free school meals** which offers free school meals to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 regardless of income – there is no need to apply.

Parents/Carers **in receipt of benefits** – your child may be entitled to **means-tested free school meals** which offers free school meals through all school years. You will also qualify for any food vouchers over the school holidays. You will need to complete an application form.

Please check if you are eligible by contacting Gateshead Council on 0191 433 3729 or applying online: [Free school meals - Gateshead Council](#).

Sibling entitled – if you have a child entitled to receive a free school meal, this doesn't mean that the other children in the household will be entitled also. These rules changed in 2018 and an application needs to be submitted for each child.

Any questions then please let School know.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Johnson
School Business Leader

