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Dear Parents and Carers

Free School Meals

This year has been a very unusual year for everyone and circumstances for a lot of people have changed dramatically. This may be that your job situation has changed, or you have found yourself in greater financial difficulty than before.

Did you know?

You can register for Free School Meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- 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 'Guarantee' element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Your child/ren will receive a well-balanced lunchtime meal from the school canteen. The biometric system ensures that no one knows who is entitled to Free School Meals. This could save you approximately £370 per child per year. You may also be able to receive extra support with additional costs which may arise throughout your child's education. Please note applying for Free School Meals will not affect any other benefits you are receiving.

The easiest way to apply is via the website link below:

www.telford.gov.uk/fsm.

If you have any further queries or would like some help applying, please contact Miss Downward, Data and Exams Officer: Downward.s@sjt.mmat.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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