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Dear Parent/Carer

If you receive any of the following, you may not be aware that you can claim free school meals for your child:-

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit.

Free school meals bring benefits for both you and your child in terms of cost, preparation time and nutrition. They also benefit the school as we receive extra funding for pupils on free school meals which can be spent on your child's education. A variety of meals are available in our canteen including sandwiches, baguettes and paninis, so even if your child prefers a cold lunch they can still benefit. A two-course hot meal costs £2.15 which would be covered by the free school meals allowance, and there are other delicious hot and cold options available also.

There is no stigma nowadays to receiving free school meals (unlike with the old "ticket" systems). Our school runs a cashless system in the canteen, which means the allowance for free school meals is automatically credited to your child's account daily. They can add extra money on their account if they wish, for example for breaktime.

If you wish to apply, or check if you are eligible, you can do so by:

- returning the enclosed form either to school or to the address on the bottom of the form
- applying online at caerphilly.gov.uk, searching for *apply for free school meals* and following the links, or
- cutting and pasting <http://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/caerphilly/cy/schools-teachers/working-with-your-school/caerphilly-school-newsblog/online-free-school-meals-application/> into your web browser.

If you would like any further information please contact us on 01495 233600 or Caerphilly Council on 01443 864055.

Yours sincerely

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