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Dear Parents/Carers

Free School Meal Applications

Universal free school meals have been available to every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state funded schools since September 2014.

We are asking families who receive one of the qualifying benefits below to still apply for Free School Meals as the school is entitled to receive Pupil Premium for your child. It may also mean your child will continue to receive free meals after the end of Year 2 when joining the Junior school.

- **Is your household income over £16,190 per year?**
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**

- **Universal Credit with annual earnings not exceeding £7,400.**

- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**

- **Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

- **The guarantee element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit and an annual income of no more than £16,190**

- **Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**

If you go to Sunderland City Council website

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals> and apply by adding **all** of your school age children on the same application.

If you need any help please do not hesitate to contact the school office

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Allen
Headteacher

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