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URGENT ACTION REQUIRED BY ALL FAMILIES

PLEASE EITHER REGISTER/APPLY ONLINE OR RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND WE WILL REGISTER/APPLY ON YOUR BEHALF

Dear Parents/Carers,

Under the Nationwide Scheme 'Universal Infant Free School Meals', all children in Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal regardless of income or eligibility for benefits.

However, if you receive what the government terms as "a low income", your child also qualifies to be on our Free School Meal Register (which is completely separate to being eligible to a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme). When a student is on our Free School Meals Register, the school receives extra money for that student which has to be spent only on the education of free school meals students. This extra money is called Pupil Premium and its purpose is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances. **Children on the Register also qualify to receive free school milk.**

The way the Free School Meal Register is administered has recently changed and it is recommended that everyone applies to be on the register, even if you are not eligible at present. This means that should you become eligible at any time in the future, the school is able to access the pupil premium funding.

Registering is really quick and easy – do it online at:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral/>

Alternatively, please complete the attached form and return it to school and we will apply online on your behalf.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Harris in the school office.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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OFSM Check – Consent Form

I agree that you will use the information provided to register/process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial, and ongoing, entitlement.

I agree that the information may be used to ensure accuracy of records across the local authority and the check against fraud.

I agree that you can inform the school(s) attended by my child of their initial and ongoing entitlement to free school meals.

Eligibility is based on one of the following benefits:

- * Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- * 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 Pension Credit
- * Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- * Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

To complete an application you will need to provide:

	You	Your Partner (if applicable)
Full Name, including title (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc)		
National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Ref Number		
Date of Birth		
Relationship to Child		
Email address		
Phone Number		
Home address (first line and post code)		
Child's name		
Child's Date of Birth		
Child's gender		

Signed: _____

Dated: _____