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Dear Parents/Carers,

FREE SCHOOL MEALS & ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Since September 2014 the provision of Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) has played a key role in promoting and supporting healthy eating and lifestyles for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and has been very well received in our school.

However, as a result of the introduction of UFSM many families may not realise that their children are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) and Uniform Grants if they meet any of the criteria below:-

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, and not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HMRC) that as of April 2014 does not exceed £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

For every child registered with Cumbria County Council as eligible for FSM our school will receive additional funding in the school budget to help improve the child's learning. Appleby Primary School also often help these families by covering the costs of school trips and activities for which we sometimes need to ask for contributions to go ahead.

If you think you meet any of the criteria please either contact the school office for guidance or go to www.cumbria.gov.uk to apply for FSM online.

Yours sincerely,

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