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Hello all Parents/Carers,

Whilst we offer free school meals to all P1-5 pupils, we feel it is incredibly important that you are aware of what you can be entitled to if you apply for the free school meals from the government.

Eligibility for free school meals has changed over the years in order to make them more accessible for more children.

Your child is entitled to this if you get:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-Based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but NOT Working Tax Credit and your income is less than £17,005
- BOTH Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit and have an income of up to £7,920

However, you may still be eligible if you are not getting benefits or tax credits for the government but are still experiencing financial hardship. For example, if your immigration status means you cannot get help from the government or if you are still waiting on your first Universal Credit notice.

What some may not realise is this is more than just free school lunches. This also covers free milk daily for your child as well as money towards school uniform costs every year, which is very handy for growing children! If you are entitled to free meals via Government guidelines stated above, you can also get help with meals during the school holidays.

To Apply, you can access the form via the City of Edinburgh council website under '*Apply for free school meals, milk and clothing grant*' (Link below) – You will only need to apply once per school year. If anyone needs any help with this please contact the school office and they will do their best to help you & guide you to the right resources to answer your queries.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/xfp/form/261#:~:text=All%20children%20in%20P1%20to,will%20receive%20free%20school%20meals.>

Best Wishes,

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