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Dear Parents and Carers,

Free school meals for pupils:

Cheshire East Council provides two types of free school meals to children attending a school within the Borough.

Universal free school meals (UFSM)

Children at school and in the Reception class, Year 1 or Year 2 (Key Stage 1) can have free school meals. This is called universal infant free school meals (UIFS). You don't need to claim for UIFS, just contact your child's school to let them know you'd like your child to have school lunches and they will be provided.

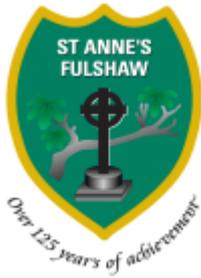
Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the COVID Support Grant too, which provides financial help during school holidays.

You can claim income-related free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit





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- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

As well as your child receiving a free school meal every day, the school also receives an annual payment called the Pupil Premium Grant, worth £1,345 per pupil, every year for the whole time they are at the school, whether they continue to be eligible for free school meals or not. This helps us to support your child's learning and ensure that there is no gap between them and their peers, so that every child gets the best chance of success in education and in life.

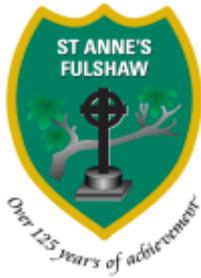
Cheshire East Council has a phone number which parents can call to check whether their child is eligible for income related free school meals. An answer is provided immediately and the meals can start straight away. **The telephone number is 0300 123 5012.**

We would ask all parents who think they may fit the criteria for claiming to do so, even if your child is receiving universal free school meals. The extra funding generated for school will ensure that the school can offer targeted support to your child to support their learning and are absolutely crucial in enabling us to provide the right support, particularly in these times when school budgets are so very tight.

If you are eligible, we ask you to make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, as the school can use the Pupil Premium Grant to pay for staff to support learning, new equipment and resources and also for training if necessary.

These funds are allocated to school based on the children on roll during the October census who are eligible. Previously there was another census in January where any additional children would be added to the funding stream for the following financial





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year. Now there is just one census point in the year when these details are taken, and this census happens next week.

If you are new the area or to the country, you might not know about this financial help for you and also for the school. Even if you live outside Cheshire East, as long as your child is attending a school within the Borough, you can make a claim on the phone number in this letter.

As our census date approaches, it is so important that we know that everyone who is eligible to claim, is receiving income related free school meals. If you need any help to apply or would like to discuss your circumstances with me before applying, please don't hesitate to contact me at school. If you believe that you are eligible for this help, please do call 0300 123 5012 before Wednesday 6th October.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C Daniel

Headteacher

