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Dear Parent/Carer

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND MILK FOR YOUR CHILD – VALUABLE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL**

The Government provides meals free of charge for all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, irrespective of their parents' incomes as part of a government scheme called Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

However, children may qualify for Free School Meals (FSM) based on financial grounds and this also entitles your child to free school milk. The school benefits by receiving additional government funding of £1480.00 for every child eligible for FSM. You will be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) if you receive any of the following:-

- 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 Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Apply, confidentially, for FSM by phone on 01484 221000 and ask for 'free school meals' or via the Kirklees Council website at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>. To complete this form you will need both you and your partner's National Insurance Number or NASS (National Asylum Support Service) number. Once you have applied Kirklees will notify you of the start date of your free school meal entitlement and inform ourselves too. Your application is anonymous. No one will know you have applied and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If you need any help applying, ask for Mrs Oldham at the school office.

**Please help us to gain this additional school funding of £1480.00 per eligible pupil, the additional money can be spent as the school chooses and makes a huge difference to the support, equipment and facilities that the school can provide for all our children.** Meltham CE Primary School will only get this money if you apply and have your application approved.

Yours faithfully

Phil Gibbins  
Headteacher