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Dear Parent/Carer

The Government now provides school meals free of charge for all children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 irrespective of their parents' incomes. The scheme is known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

However, children may also qualify for Free School Meals (FSM) on financial grounds and this entitles your child to free school milk which is offered to all children in school.

For every child eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) the school receives £1345. This 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.

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

You can apply for Free School Meals (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. Applications should be made as soon as possible.

After you've applied:

Kirklees usually contact the relevant schools within 48 hours to tell them the date the entitlement to free school meals will start from. They will also send you a letter telling you the start date of your free school meal entitlement. This is usually received within 5 working days. Your application is anonymous. No one will know you have applied and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Kirklees will contact you for further information if they need to know anything additional.

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

Please help us to gain this additional school funding, the whole school will be very grateful.

Yours faithfully

Phil Gibbins
Headteacher