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Dear Parents and Guardians

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

During the last couple of weeks, our school leaders have taken the lead in supporting our families through this difficult time. Our staff have continued to offer the best education provision and support they can and they continue to do so. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life.

Free School Meals (FSM) are still being received by families during these unprecedented times and we are striving to ensure that we support the delivery of the meals to all of our families each and every day. It is quite apparent that families' personal circumstances may change over the coming weeks and months and this letter is being shared with all of the Trust's families, so we can signpost families to some additional support if the need arises.

Your child (ren) may be eligible to receive FSM's if they are in full-time education and your household is in receipt of any of the benefits shown below:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

How to apply

Parents and guardians can apply for FSM online via the link below and I have enclosed an online guide within this letter too.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals>

If you require further advice, please phone your school office during these social distancing times.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. Online free school meals application process guide for parents and guardians