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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will already be aware, if your child is in Reception or KS1, they are entitled to a lunch provided by the school as part of the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals programme. This is not the same as entitlement to Free School Meals.

- Did you know that if you are eligible and your child is registered for Free School Meals, the school receives extra money from the Government? This money can be spent to support your child in a number of different ways.
- If you serve in the regular British Armed Forces, or your child has previously been Looked After, the school could also receive extra money from the Government.

Unfortunately, many families who are eligible do not register and make a claim. This can be for many reasons: some parents prefer to pack their child a lunch, some parents are not aware that they are eligible and some parents do not want to be identified as claiming.

Even if you do not claim the free meals themselves, Chesterton School will still receive the funding for your child so it is still of great benefit if you register. Any information shared with us will be treated confidentially.

Please check the list below and (if you think you are eligible), return the permission slip on the next page to the school office by **Monday 9th October**. The school will then be able to check your entitlement electronically through a Government website.

You can receive Free School Meals for your child if you or your partner or your child receives one of the following:

- *Income Support*
- *Income related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Income Based Jobseekers' Allowance*
- *National Asylum Seekers Support*
- *Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit*
- *The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit*
- *Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1st April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)*

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling they are in on 31st March 2023.

Yours,

Mr I Horner
Headteacher

Entitlement to Free School Meals

Please return to the school office by Monday 9th October

I wish to confirm that as parent/guardian of:

Name Class

☐ I believe that my son or daughter is entitled to Free School Meals. (please complete remainder of slip)

1. I am a member of the British or American Armed Forces (tick if appropriate)

2. I/my partner receives one of the allowances listed (tick if appropriate)

Parent's First Name	Parent's Surname	DOB	NI Number

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, the school can provide a lunch for your child/children. Please indicate below, if you are interested in receiving this benefit.

☐ I am interested in my child/children receiving a Free School Meal.

☐ I am NOT interested in my child receiving a Free School Meal and I will continue to provide my child with their own lunch.

NAME OF PARENT Signed