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Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meals for New Year 7 Students

Currently, all new and existing free school meals claimants will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out. Eligible students will remain entitled until the end of their current phase of education as at 31st March 2022 (i.e. primary, secondary). This will apply even if claimants' earnings rise above the new threshold during that time. Once the rollout is complete, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point will also continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education. The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2022.

If your child is currently entitled to free school meals and is moving to Hans Price in September, please contact North Somerset Council **during the summer holidays** so they can update your free school meals record. It is important that you do this to ensure that your child receives free school meals at Hans Price at the start of the Autumn Term. You can contact them by emailing fsm@n-somerset.gov.uk or calling 01275 888 328, and they can update your child's new school details without the need to reapply. You must also let North Somerset Council know of any change in address or benefits that you receive.

If you have not yet applied for free school meals and you believe that you are entitled, you can apply to North Somerset using their online form – www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fsm (Please see the eligibility criteria on the reverse of this letter). You will receive an instant result and, if successful, the system will generate a letter which you can print and give to reception to confirm eligibility. Alternatively, you can forward the letter via email to Hans Price Academy using fsm@hansprice.org.uk email address, or show reception staff the letter on your smart phone. Your entitlement will begin on the day you apply and will last until 31st March 2022.

If you have applied and are not entitled, but you think you meet the criteria please check your National Insurance number and try again. If this doesn't work please click on the 'referral' button and give details of the benefits you are on and North Somerset will look into this for you.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Tincknell
Senior Operations Manager

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals and the 'Pupil Premium'?

Any child attending a North Somerset school whose parents or carers are on certain benefits is entitled to receive free meals at school and this generates 'Pupil Premium' funding for the Academy.

Parent or carers of the following benefits can apply: (as at April 2020)

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual Take Home Pay/Net Earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included

How can I apply?

You will need to apply online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fsm

If your child is eligible this will mean they will also be entitled to a free school breakfast every day, which is served between 8.00am and 8.30am. Although they may be eligible for Free School Meals they don't have to take them. Their eligibility benefits the Academy and students as this service brings extra funding to the Academy, ensuring we can provide additional support to your child. **If you do not apply, we won't get this funding.**

Who else is eligible to be registered for 'Pupil Premium'?

If you fall under any of the following categories please inform the academy so that we can claim funding:

Service Children:

- One parent is serving in the regular armed forces (including those who are on full commitment as part of the full time reserve).
- Your child has been registered as a 'Service Child' at their previous school at any point since 2015.
- One parent has died whilst serving in the armed forces and the family receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.

Post Looked after Arrangements:

- Children who have left local authority care in England and Wales through either adoption, a special guardianship order, a residence order or a child arrangement order. You will need to provide some evidence (e.g. Adoption/Court order). *Please note: we do recognise that this may be an especially sensitive issue and as with all information you give us, if you feel it is appropriate to tell us, we will treat this in the strictest confidence.*

If you need any more information regarding Free School Meals or Pupil Premium please contact Mrs Tincknell, Senior Operations Manager, at the Academy.