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Dear Parents and Carers

Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

You can apply for school meals if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- The 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400.

If your child does qualify for Free School Meals, you are maybe eligible for help with:

- The cost of residential school trips (speak to your school about this)
- Travel costs to school
- School uniform costs (speak to your school about this)
- Music lessons at school (please contact your child's school for information)

This also applies to children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 who receive universal free school meal but may benefit from contributions towards the above.

If you think your child maybe eligible you can apply directly to Bradford Council by using the link below:

www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school/meals/

You will be told immediately if you qualify, and school will be notified at the same time.

If anyone requires any help or support in making a claim, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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