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Dear Parents and Carers

There is now a quick and easy way to claim free school meals. Children attending a school in York can apply for free school meals if Parents or Carers are receiving certain benefits and we can assist to ensure no one is missing out.

When we process your application we will:

- use your details to check your child's eligibility for free school meals by checking information held by the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department for Education; this quick online check means we can often confirm eligibility immediately
- write to you to inform you of the outcome, if successful

Look at the benefits:

- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- Savings for you, worth over £350 a year.
- Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £900 a year.

Free school meal claims

- We treat all claims in confidence, and schools provide the same meals whether they're paid for or provided free.
- Your child doesn't have to take up a meal every day - you can still provide a 'pack up' as and when you want to.
- We'll also transfer your child's entitlement if they move to another secondary school, so you won't need to take any further action.
- It will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

How does it work?

We would encourage all parents to complete the slip below and return it to your child's Form Tutor by Friday 14th February.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Furniss
Deputy Head

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Please return to Form Tutors.

Parent/Carer Required Information.

Parents/Carers Full Legal Name: _____

National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Reference Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Address inc. postcode: _____

Student Required Information

Student Full Legal Name: _____

Student Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

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