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Dear Parent/Carer,

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are taken into account.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £1,050 for your child's secondary school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or contribute to School trips.

If eligible, registering your child for free school meals ensures Laurus Cheadle Hulme receives the additional funding even if you choose not to take up the offer. Any benefits that you currently receive will not be affected.

You can check if your child qualifies for free school meals online via the following website:

[Online FSM Application](#)

If you are unsure, we would encourage you to enter your details to check.

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All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

If you would like school to complete the check on your behalf, please contact the School Office.

Kind regards,

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