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Dear Parent / Carer

Universal Infant Free School Meals Entitlement

As your child/children are in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) they are entitled to receive a Universal Infant **Free** School Meal. This means if your child is having a school meal then you do not need to pay for it.

Some parents may not be aware this is available and are choosing to provide a packed lunch for their children. However, we would ask you to consider the option of a free school meal which could be a jacket potato, meat, fish or vegetarian hot meal - all of these options are free for Key Stage 1 children.

Even though your child/children are entitled to the universal infant free school meal or if you have any other children in Key Stage 2 within school, parents may also be entitled to certain benefits which requires you to register on the free school meal website, to ensure your details are included in the information used to calculate the Pupil Premium Funding which schools receive as part of their annual funding.

This funding is used to ensure the resources are available to support your children achieving their full potential in their learning journey through their education within our school. The funding will be reduced if parents haven't registered for free school meals.

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits: -

- Income support or income-based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Child Tax Credits, but do not get Working Tax Credit and your income as assessed by The Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190.00.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Then you need to register for free school meals ASAP by contacting DMBC Benefits Section at FSM@doncaster.gov.uk or alternately go to the Civic Office in the town centre.

It is important to register for parents to receive the benefit of their child/children having a free school meal when they move into Key Stage 2, providing you are still in receipt of the appropriate benefit.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01709 863273 or call into the office at the stated times or call the above number, someone will be able to help you.

Yours sincerely



Mrs R A Macleod
Principal