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Dear Parent Carer,

If your child is eligible to free school meals, and you have not applied, you are missing out on funding that could save you over £437 per academic year. **Please note that you will need to re-apply for free school meals once your child leaves infant school, this will not automatically move across.**

There are also significant financial benefits to the school which we can pass on to pupils receiving free school meals. We are able to subsidise some of our extra-curricular activities such as music lessons by up to 50% and we can reduce the charge for the Year 6 residential trip. These benefits are also invested in the extra staff and equipment that allow us to give your child a great education.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Applying online is quick and easy to do. You will be informed of the result of your application immediately, in most cases your application will be processed and you can begin claiming free school meals within 15 minutes. To get started, just go to <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals>

Should you be accepted for free school meals, your child will become eligible for pupil premium which is additional funding for every child throughout their time at school. Pupil Premium funding is around £1345 per primary school child and again this money makes a really important difference to eligible pupils and their schools.

The process is simple and confidential, so please do not miss this opportunity. If you need advice or help to complete the form please contact Louise Dunbar, the Family Support Worker via info@sa.cabot.ac.uk.

Kind regards,

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Operations Manager