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Dear Parents

If you think you may be entitled to claim free school meals because of your income or circumstances, it is essential that you still apply for these even if your child would prefer to have a packed lunch.

Qualifying circumstances are as follows:

Income Support

Income-based job seeker's allowance

Income-related employment & support allowance

Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

The guarantee element of state pension credit

Child Tax Credit: provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.

Funding is given to schools, based on the number of pupils who are entitled to receive free school meals. For every child entitled, the school receives £1,300. This money is used in a variety of creative and innovative ways to help support individual pupils and the whole school community.

There are currently about 700 children in North Somerset who are entitled to claim for free school meal benefit but don't. That's nearly £1 million in wasted funding for schools!

Forms to claim for free school meals are available from the school office. It would be appreciated, if you feel you may be entitled, that you claim as soon as possible as a pupil count is carried out early in October.

Yours faithfully

C Wilson
Headteacher

