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Dear Parent / carer

Due to the cost of living crisis currently affecting many families within our school community, Primrose Hill Primary School would like to offer some information regarding Free School Meals.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. However, if you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals (also known as means-tested) regardless of your child's age.

You can apply for Free School Meals at any time while your child attends Pudsey Primrose Hill.

For example:

If you apply and are entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals in Reception, the funding is there to support you for your child's time at Pudsey Primrose Hill. If you become eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals when your child is in a higher year at school, they will receive the funding from when you apply. Some funding even carries up to secondary school with them.

If you are receipt of one or more of the following benefits you may be eligible for means-tested Free School Meals:

- Universal Credit (below a certain amount)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit.

If you are eligible for the benefits-related Free School Meals in accordance with the criteria above, and your child already received the Universal Free School meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, please still apply.

If either parent is in the armed forces or if a child is looked after from care they may also be eligible.

We are encouraging parents and carers to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals if they believe they may be eligible to them in order to support our families during these difficult times.

If you have any queries our office team will try to help or put you in touch with other agencies that can help you.

To apply for Free School Meals please click on the link below.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Kind regards,

Pudsey Primrose Hill Primary School.