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Dear parents and carers,

Free School Meals

There are various schemes available to provide free meals and funding to different groups of children:

Universal Free School Meals (UFSM):

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a government funded school lunch every school day, known as Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). This is offered to **all children regardless of family income** and you do not need to do anything to apply for it. Schools receive funding to cover the cost of the meals, but it does not trigger any additional funding for the school.

Pupil Premium Free School Meals (FSM):

Children **in all year groups** whose family are on a **low income or in receipt of certain benefits**, may also be entitled to Free School Meals. As well as receiving Free School Meals, your child's school will receive up to £1480 per year to provide individual support and help your child reach their full potential. Pupil Premium funding can also provide opportunities to attend discounted holiday clubs and receive food vouchers in the school holidays.

Families who receive the following are eligible for Pupil Premium Free School Meals:

- 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get (this is the equivalent to your work-related take home pay being less than £616.67 per month at the time of application).

If you think your child may be eligible to receive Pupil Premium funding, **please complete the form below and hand it in to the school office**, who will apply on your behalf to Oxfordshire County Council. Even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and so in receipt of Universal Free School Meals, it is important that you still apply for the additional benefit of the Pupil Premium funding.

Service Pupil Premium

A separate Pupil Premium fund of up to £340 per year is also provided to schools for children of parents who are in the armed forces. This funding does not include Free School Meals.

Kind regards,
School Admin

APPLICATION FORM FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

ABOUT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Child's Date of Birth			Name of School
					DRY SANDFORD

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

	Parent/Guardian 1										Parent/Guardian 2									
Last name																				
First Name																				
Date of Birth																				
National Insurance Number*																				
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number*			/			/							/			/				
Mobile Number																				
Address																				
	Postcode:										Postcode:									

* Complete as appropriate

FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFIT DETAILS

Is your joint family income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box).

Yes

No

If you have ticked yes, you do not need to complete the next section and can go straight to the declaration at the end of the form.

(continue overleaf)

If you ticked no, please place an X in this box if you¹ are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

Please place an X in this box if you are not sure whether your joint family income is over £16,190, or whether you are in receipt of one of the benefits listed above, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals:

DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date:.....

¹ This includes those who have parental rights for the child/children named on this form.

About this form

From September 2014 all children who are in reception, year 1 or year 2 in a state-funded school will be offered a free healthy school lunch. Children in other school years will also be offered a free school lunch if their parent is receiving any of the welfare benefits listed overleaf.

Registering could raise money for your child's school

Registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,300 for your child's school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed in the form. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

How the information in this form will be used

The information you provide in this form will be used by the council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

The information will also be used in relation to children in year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school.

Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information.

We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.