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## ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Pupils who are in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a funded hot school meal each day under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

But you may be entitled to **Free Schools Meals** too. Particularly if your circumstances have changed over the last year. If this is the case, please let the school know. We will be able to help with an application for free school meals. Not only does this mean your child will continue to get free school meals from Year 3 onwards (providing you still meet the criteria), it also means the school receives additional funding (over £1,300 per child, per year) which is used to support all qualifying pupil premium children with a range of things – from contributions towards the cost of school trips, music lessons, counselling sessions, forest school and additional staffing to support children.

In order to ascertain whether you are eligible for Free School Meals, you must be in receipt of one of the benefits shown below:

- **Income support**
- Income-based **Job Seekers Allowance** (NOT contribution based JSA)
- Income-related **Employment and Support Allowance** (NOT contribution based ESA)
- Support under **Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** – National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- The guarantee element of **State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (you must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012))
- **Working Tax Credit 'run-on'** – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- **Universal Credit** (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

If you currently receive Working Tax Credit (other than the 'run-on') you are not eligible to claim.

Please email the school at [admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk) if you would like an application form or have any other queries.

