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and  
Chadsmoor C.E (VC) Junior School



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Dear Parents

**Please help us to increase our funding**

As you are all no doubt aware the Government have made numerous cuts to funding within the Public Sector and Schools along with other public services are experiencing challenging times in managing their reduced budgets.

In 2011 the Government introduced the Pupil Premium which is paid to schools for children eligible for a free school meal. This income is currently £1,320 per annum, which is paid for up to six years, and is still paid to the school even if your entitlement ceases. This can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support, fund afterschool clubs and provide new resources for your children.

The introduction of the Universal Free School Meal scheme, where all children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, has helped parents significantly, and we fully support this initiative. However, this has had a detrimental effect on our funding as parents who are eligible for free school meals no longer have to apply to receive them and therefore we have seen a reduction in the Pupil Premium funding we receive particularly for children in Early Years and KS1.

We are therefore writing to all parents to make you aware of **how you can support the school** in applying for a free school meal. Even if your child prefers to take a packed lunch and never actually takes a hot meal then the school will still receive the funding. Children over the age of 5 years registered for free school meals at the start of term also qualify for free milk.

If you feel you **may** be eligible for a free school meal, then would you please complete and return the reply slip overleaf and we will then submit this to the Council to check your eligibility\* and if you are eligible you will have helped us to receive this additional funding. All applications will be treated in the strictest of confidence. (\*Current eligibility is outlined on the reply slip overleaf) or you can apply online yourself at <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/FSMweb/> This link will be put on class dojo to make it easier to access.

Please note year 2 pupils who move to the Junior school in September will no longer be eligible under the Universal free school meal scheme, and therefore meals will be chargeable unless you are eligible for free school meals due to the criteria outlined on the reply slip.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Westley **Executive Headteacher**

### Free School Meal Application

Please complete the information below and return to the School Office who will confirm in due course your eligibility

Child's Full Name													
Child's Date of Birth													
Parent / Carer 1:		Relationship to Child (e.g. mother, father, other - please specify)											
First Name								Surname					
National Insurance Number								Date of Birth					
Parent / Carer 2:		Relationship to Child (e.g. mother, father, other - please specify)											
First Name								Surname					
National Insurance Number								Date of Birth					

#### ABOUT YOUR BENEFITS:

Please choose any benefits you are eligible for or in receipt of from the list below\*:

- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and a household income of no more than £16,190 per year. Please note if anyone in the household is receiving Working Tax Credit you will not qualify
- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit- your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Working Tax Credit run-on- paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

Signature: ..... Date: .....

I declare that the above information is true and I will notify Staffordshire County Council (Free School Meals) immediately, should my circumstances change. I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by the law to verify my initial and ongoing entitlement.

The information gathered in this application is done so in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998