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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may have heard that very soon Child Tax Credits are being moved over to Universal Credit.

This change will impact on entitlement to Free School Meals and Pupil Premium.

All children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 currently receive a free lunch, this will cease when they go into Year 3. If you currently earn below **£16,190** a year, your child is entitled to further funding in school. Therefore, it is vital you apply NOW for Free School Meals, otherwise the changes to Universal Credit will impact on all funding!

Currently anyone on Child Tax Credit can earn up to **£16,190** a year and be entitled to free school meals.

Families who earn more than **£7,400** a year would no longer be entitled to free school meals or further funding if **they apply after the change to Universal Credit.**

Pupil Premium plays a huge part in helping give your child the support and teaching they need.

With this in mind, we strongly urge any parents of children who think they may be entitled to free school meals to **PLEASE APPLY NOW!** especially for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Although this applies to ALL children.

You can do this by calling into the school office for an application form or online at <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/benefit-grants/free-school-meals.aspx>

Once this change is made fewer children will be eligible to free school meals.

Please help us to support your child.

If you need any further advice, please speak to Miss Young in the school office.

Regards

Mrs Leigh
Headteacher

