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Dear Parent / Carer

Free School Meals

I am writing to remind you that some families are entitled to free school meals. There are two reasons why it is important that families entitled to this benefit register their claim:

- From September they will receive £2.10 per day. Our cashless meals system will not differentiate between a student who pays for their meals and a student on free school meals.
- All schools receive additional funding from the government for students who are eligible for free school meals. As I am sure you will understand, any additional funding for schools is always needed to help the college provide a full and enriched education for all of its students. However the funding is only allocated to the school if an application is made by a parent and approved. Therefore, it is vital that parents / carers of students eligible to claim for free school meals do so.

In light of the current economic climate it is possible that your circumstances may have changed recently and your children may now be eligible for free school meals, so please check the criteria below.

. Your child may be eligible for free school meals if:-

- **You receive income support benefit; or if**
- **You receive income based job seekers allowance; or if**
- **You receive child tax credits with an annual income of less than £16,190; or if**
- **You receive state pension credit**

You cannot claim free school meals if you are in receipt of working family tax credits.

If you would like further information or assistance with making an application, in confidence, please contact Mrs Sue Chick at the college either by telephone (01243) 826511 ext 230 or by email schick@felpham.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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