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Dear Parent/Carer,

Are you entitled to free school meals and additional funding to support your daughter's education?

If you are receiving certain benefits, your daughter can receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch, free of charge, at Levenshulme High School, saving you up to £350 a year. The funding for free meals is automatically credited to your daughter's biometric account to be spent in the same way as everyone else.

In addition Levenshulme High School will receive extra funding to support your daughter's education by providing additional resources such as study skills workshops, music tuition and IT equipment.

Do you qualify?

Your daughter will be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- 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 Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

How does it work?

1. Go to the online form by copying the web address below into your web browser.

Applying for Free School Meals is quick and easy using the online form at:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

2. You will need to provide your name and date of birth, your contact details, your National Insurance number or National Asylum Seekers number, your child's name and date of birth and the name of the school- Levenshulme High School.
3. You will receive an email to confirm whether your daughter is eligible for free school meals. You do not need to do anything else.
4. If you don't want your daughter to take the free school meals she can continue as normal – as long as you qualify, and are registered, the school still gets the extra money to support her education.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Come and talk to us if you're not sure; we can help you with your application and any data you provide will be completely confidential.

Please take a few minutes to check whether you are eligible- even if you do not want free school meals for your daughter, the additional funding will help us to ensure that your daughter reaches her full potential.

If you want further information then please talk to Joanna Tomson, SIMS & Data Manager or email her at jtomson@levenshulmehigh.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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