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Dear Parents

The way in which certain elements of our school budget are calculated is changing and it is absolutely essential that any girl entitled to Free School Meals is registered for them, even if you chose for your daughter not to have a school dinner. Any additional money received through this budget heading allows us to improve the provisions and resources available for her.

If you receive, or are applying for any of the following, it is likely that your child is entitled to free school meals:

- 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 the 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 and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.

We would wish to assure all parents that any matters relating to free school meals are completely confidential. Teachers and other children are unaware of who pays and who receives free meals.

If you believe that you are entitled to this benefit, please ring the School and ask to speak, in confidence, to Mrs Patel in the school office (tel: 0121 554 2342). She will be able to tell you how the school is able to help families with low incomes.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elspeth V Insch OBE
Headmistress