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 **Subject: Free School Meals**

 Dear Parents

*A reminder of the criteria for eligibility of free school meals:*

Main Details

Free school meals are offered to children of families who are in receipt of:

• Income Support or

• Job Seekers Allowance (Income based) or

• Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or

• The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit or

• Income related Employment Support Allowance or

• Child Tax Credit and are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190 (April 10 figure)

• Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.

The Government does not allow us to recognise any other benefit other than those mentioned above.

To apply, simply ring your local Area Education Office with details of your name, date of birth and National Insurance number and an immediate on-line decision can be given. (see Contacts tab above for phone numbers). Alternatively, complete an application form (downloadable from this site).

Once you have applied and been granted free school meals for your children you do not need to re-apply annually. Your children will continue to receive the meals until you cease to be entitled. The council will contact you should this arise.

For full details, or if in doubt, please copy the link:

http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/atoz/a\_to\_z/service.asp?u\_id=1062&tab=1