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Dear Parents

**Universal Credit : Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit**

We have been made aware of a number of amendments to the Child Tax and Working Tax Credit provision. As parents may be aware the Government are currently in the process of rolling out Universal Credit (a provision that will replace Child Tax and Working Tax Credit).

As a parent, if you qualify for the replacement provision of Universal Credits then you will now be entitled to Free School Meals until 2022 or until your child finishes their current phase of education – **this is regardless of any increase in earnings levels.**

However, as can be noted from the copy letter from North Yorkshire County Council (please see overleaf) there is a necessity to apply for free school meal's BEFORE and NO LATER THAN 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Following this date, a new earning threshold of £7,400 will be introduced.

We would encourage parents of ALL children in ALL year groups (including Reception, Years 1 and 2) currently in receipt of Universal Credits or moving from Working Tax and/or Child Tax Credits onto the Universal Credit scheme to complete an application form for Free School Meals without delay. Copies of application forms are available from either the School Office or <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>. Completed application forms can be returned to the School Office where they will be processed on the same day. Please be reassured ALL applications will be treated in the STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE.

If you have any difficulty completing the application form, or would like advice on completing the same, please do not hesitate to contact the school with a view to our Home School Link Worker supporting your application. Do not miss out on what you are entitled to – if you think you are eligible, please complete an application form as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely



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