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Dear Parents,

With the current crisis that we all face as a nation, many people have had their income, livelihoods and finances affected. There is financial support available, one of the most important being Free School Meals which provides a school meal for children. However, with the Marcus Rashford campaign this was also extended to a voucher system throughout the summer holidays. This was a lifeline to many of our families, providing meals throughout the school holidays at supermarkets of their choice.

With the ongoing situation there is the possibility this may be extended to further school holidays. Many families will be experiencing financial difficulty, it is worth checking to see if you are eligible as it could provide peace of mind for you as parents. Information below details how to claim.

The Government gives schools additional funding (called 'Pupil Premium') for every pupil who successfully registers. These additional funds are used to support initiatives to raise pupil attainment.

How To Apply

1. First check if you qualify by receiving any of these benefits:

- Income support
- Job seekers allowance – income based
- Employment and support allowance - income related
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed element of state pension credit.

If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving working tax credits, your child(ren) may be entitled to free school meals. Please call Luton Borough council on **01582 510346** for advice on working tax credits

2. Registering is really easy and quick; follow the link below, complete the online form, or contact a family worker who will advise you and help you to register.

http://www.luton.gov.uk/Education_and_learning/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx

If you need any assistance in applying for Free School Meals, please contact either of us.

Kind regards

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(Family Worker/ Pastoral Lead/SLT)

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