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Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR R, 1 and 2 PUPILS

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help improve pupils' readiness to learn. Universal free school meals are provided for all pupils in reception and years 1 and 2.

However, by qualifying for 'free school meals' the government will provide school with additional funding to support or enhance your child's learning such as extra tuition or support towards the cost of school activities eg trips. In order for us to recognise who is eligible and qualifies for 'free school meals' for funding purposes, we would encourage all parents to complete an on line application form, **even if your child doesn't wish to receive a meal.**

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, an application form can be completed using the Shropshire Council online universal application form at:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/>

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 pension credit
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

For further help please contact Shropshire Council at:

Email: fsm@shropshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 0345 678 9000

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Lee
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