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Dear Parents,

During these unprecedented times, family circumstances are constantly changing due to reasons that are very much beyond control.

As the lockdown continues, the circumstances surrounding employment and income are of major concern.

As would be the case prior to COVID-19 lockdown directives, families may be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of the following:

- 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 guaranteed 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you think that this is the situation that you now find yourself in please follow the link and apply.

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

This would mean that you may be eligible for the government funded voucher scheme for which information can be found at this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools>

Please inform the school via the office email, if you are eligible, as soon as possible.