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Dear Parents/Guardian

Free School Meals

We recognise that situations are changing quickly throughout the Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation, and work situations may have changed and your children may be eligible for Free School Meals. Free meals provision will continue in the form of supermarket vouchers during this period of school closure.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify - it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy - if you think you qualify, contact Luton Local Authority and complete a simple online form to register.

www.luton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Your child may be able to get 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)

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If you would like support completing your application please contact your child's Pastoral Support Manager.

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families achieve their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'

For every child registered, Lealands High School gets an additional £935 this year.

With this money we can provide:

- Subsidised educational trips and visits
- Subsidised individual music lessons
- Free revision books
- Free additional small group maths tutoring for Y11 students
- Free one to one literacy and numeracy support for Year 7 and 8 students with lower literacy and numeracy levels
- Additional books for the library
- Financial support with technology contributions
- Possible loan of a device to support extended learning

Please do not hesitate to get in contact, should you require support or further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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