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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Free School Meals

As you know Aspens is the company chosen by Tollbar Multi Academy Trust to provide meals to your child. In our latest discussions with Aspens, it appears that not all those families entitled to a free school meal have taken advantage of the opportunity.

You may not be aware but all children in 'Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.' If your child is in any of these year groups, you do not have to complete a form, you simply need to go to the Aspens website and place an order.

However, even if your child receives Universal Free School Meal (Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2) it is still important to make an application as the school will receive additional funding, known as the pupil premium, for every eligible pupil.

For those parents whose children are in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, you may also be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Guaranteed pension credit
- Child tax credit with an annual income each year of less than £16,190 (as assessed by tax credits)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual earned income of no more than £7400 or £616.67 monthly)

If you receive child tax credit and working tax credit, your child will not qualify for free school meals.

For information about applying for free school meals and ordering meals, please see the academy website.

If you want any further information about eligibility or access to school meals, please get in touch with the academy Principal.

Yours faithfully

Mr A J Clark
Principal

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