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Dear Parent/Carer

RE - Free School Meals for Pupil Premium Children

During these challenging times, we want to ensure that pupils eligible for free school meals can continue to access support if they are not in school. In terms of Free School Meals, we will be working with the **National Voucher scheme** which will enable us to provide vouchers worth £15/child per week, during the school closures.

We are aware that the financial situation for many of our families will have been affected by the lockdown. This may now mean that your child will qualify for Free School Meals.

If you believe your children may be eligible for pupil premium free school meals, [please apply through the following link](#). The application only takes a couple of minutes and all you need is your National Insurance Number. **Applying for free school meals does not affect any of your other benefit entitlements.**

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; this is as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: this is as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you have any other questions, please contact Mrs Fowler Zfowler@atlantic-aspirations.org

Yours faithfully

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