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Dear Parents and Carers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You have received this letter because as of September you will have a child who will be in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. All pupils in these year groups receive a school meal at no cost to you; this will be an approximate saving of up to £400:00 per year.

To ensure that your child receives their free school meals, please complete and return the attached form to me by **Friday 15 September 2017**.

If you have any questions or queries with regard to school meals please don't hesitate to pop into the office and ask.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joanne Green'.

Joanne Green

ps *In addition to the above, Schools receive a pupil premium for each child who is eligible for a free school meal under the old system. This amounts to approximately £1,300:00 per year and so it is very important that you let us know. You can highlight this on the form attached or speak to me about it.*

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About this form

From September 2014 all children who are in reception, year 1 or year 2 in a statefunded school will be offered a free healthy school lunch. Children in other school years will also be offered a free school lunch if their parent is receiving any of the welfare benefits listed overleaf.

Registering could raise money for your child's school

Registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,300 for your child's school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed in the form. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

How the information in this form will be used

The information you provide in this form will be used by the council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

The information will also be used in relation to children in year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school unless there is a change in your family circumstances.

Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information.

We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION

We need information about you and your child, so that we can provide them with the best education and support by making sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled. Please complete this form and return to your child's school or to the Free School Meals, Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Norwich, NR1 2DL

ABOUT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Child's Date of Birth	Name of School
		DD / MM / YYYY	
		DD / MM / YYYY	
		DD / MM / YYYY	
		DD / MM / YYYY	

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

	Parent/Guardian 1	Parent/Guardian 2
Last name		
First Name		
Date of Birth	DD / MM / YYYY	DD / MM / YYYY
National Insurance Number*		
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number*	/ /	/ /
Daytime Telephone Number		
Mobile Number		
Address		
	Postcode:	Postcode:

* Complete as appropriate

FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFIT DETAILS

Is your joint family income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box).

Yes

No

/please turn over

If you have ticked yes, you do not need to complete the next section and can go straight to the declaration at the end of the form.

If you ticked no, please place an X in this box if you¹ are in receipt of any of the benefits listed:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

Please place an X in this box if you are not sure whether your joint family income is over £16,190, or whether you are in receipt of one of the benefits listed above, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals:

DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date:.....

¹ This includes those who have parental rights for the child/children named on this form.