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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your child/ren have settled well into the new school year and adjusted with the new school routines. We are excited to welcome everyone back and also meet our new children who have joined our community.

As a school, throughout the pandemic, we have tried to provide as much support and help for our children and families as we possibly can, both with learning and with other aspects of staying safe, happy and healthy. Now that we begin another school year, we are focusing on providing them with the best learning experiences that we can and promoting a love of learning.

We are aware, however, that this pandemic, will continue to be a challenging time for some families as people's working circumstances may be changing. We would like to remind you all that, if your circumstances have changed, you may now be eligible to apply for free school meals and therefore additional support from school with things like uniform.

The government says your child may be able to have free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- o income Support o income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- o income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- o support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- o the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- o 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)
- o Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- o 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)

If you feel that this may apply to you, please use the following website link to complete a quick and easy online check. If your application is successful, you will be given a unique reference code which you can take a screen shot of and email to us (the email address is at the top of this letter). We will then take care of the rest! <a href="https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims">https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims</a>

We know his continues to be an unusual and potentially difficult time, so please do contact us if there is anything that you think we can do to support you.

Yours faithfully, Katie Robins Deputy Head















