Seghill First School

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Dear Parents

I believe that your son / daughter may be eligible for Free School Meals.

Free School Meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
 - Provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400
 - o This is assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
 - Provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run on
 - Paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you are in receipt of one or more of these benefits, it is very likely that your son / daughter is eligible for Free School Meals. If this is the case, **you will not have to pay for your child's school meal** (from when they enter Year 3) or for their **milk** after they are 5. School also receives an **extra £1345 per child** who is eligible for Free School Meals, which is a huge amount of money for us, which we will spend directly on working with the children.

This is a link to the web page with more information about Free School Meals-

Free School Meals webpage

This is a link to the online application form for Free School Meals-

online application for Free School Meals

Paying for school meals for a school year costs approximately **£450**. Paying for milk for a school year costs around the same amount. If you paid for both **school meals and milk for one child for a year it would cost around £900**.

Please save yourself a huge amount of money and help us to access extra funding of £1345 per child by applying for Free School Meals.

A copy of this letter is on the school website in the letters tab so you can click on the links.

Please do not ignore this letter. If you get stuck or need help, please ask and we will help you.

Many thanks.

Miss Chappell Headteacher