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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: SUPPORTING GATEWAY FAMILIES FREE SCHOOL MEALS – YOUR FAMILY COULD BE ENTITLED

Your child/children could be also be entitled to FREE:

- Lunchtime meals;
- Academic opportunities, such as a tutor;
- Resources including revision books, stationary etc;
- Pastoral opportunities; and / or
- Wider Experiences e.g. trips, holiday schools etc.

To apply, please click on the following link: <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals>.

If you get stuck or need any help with this application, please do not hesitate to contact us to let us know, as we can help you complete the form and assist if they ask for additional finance evidence. Our Finance Team and Admin Support Teams are here to help.

You will usually qualify if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Child Tax Credit – provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190;
- Universal Credit – provided your total net earnings are no more than £616.67 each month;
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit; or
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Here is a useful video we have created regarding free school meals: <http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/54/latest-news/article/539/parental-update>.

Once free school meal entitlement has been established, a daily allowance of £2.30 is automatically added to your child's catering account. **PLEASE DO NOT DELAY – APPLY TODAY!**

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Kitsiou
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

