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Dear Parents and Carers

If you are receiving certain benefits a free school meal may be available for your child/ward. ***If you are eligible* for free school meals then please register by following the link given below, which is also on the WKGS website. Note: If you have already registered for this online service then you do not need to do this again.*** Alternatively, complete the attached form and we will register on your behalf.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral/>

Please click on NEW APPLICATION

We are in uncertain times and this may mean your eligibility has changed, please take this opportunity to consider the criteria on the form below or simply complete the application as this may be a welcome bit of help to ease some financial strain and it will only take 5 minutes to complete.

Remember..... just registering your child/ward for Free School Meals means that WKGS receives extra funding, to support your child's/ward's education, even if you don't take up the free meal. Registration is completely confidential and will not affect any other benefits you may be claiming. The system of payment for the meals happens in the same way for everyone, other pupils and canteen staff do not know who receives a free school meal.

By registering your child/ward now, the system will check your status every 2 weeks and automatically update when children fall in and out of entitlement without having to re-register.

If you wish WKGS to process your claim on your behalf you must complete the consent form attached and sign to give permission for school to complete. The completed form should be emailed to finance@wkgs.net.

If you have any questions or need any help please contact the Finance Office on 0151 632 3449 or email finance@wkgs.net.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N McDonald
School Business Manager

Online Free School Meals – Consent Form

- I agree that you will use the information provided to process my claim for free school meals and that you will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial, and ongoing, entitlement.
- I agree that the information may be used to ensure accuracy of records across the local authority and the check against fraud.
- I agree that you can inform the school attended by my child of their initial and ongoing entitlement to free school meals.

***Eligibility** is based on one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- 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're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please complete the form by printing clearly

Your name	
Parental National Insurance Number	
Parent Date of Birth	
Your Email	
Your Phone Number	
Home address (first line & post code)	
Child's name	
Child's Date of Birth	

I confirm that I have parental responsibility and that the child/children live with me. I agree that you will use the information provided only to process my claim for free school meals.

Signed: _____ Date: _____