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Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know that your child could qualify for Free School Meals?

If your child is eligible, it means they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the bills and fuss of making packed lunches. Many students at St. Mary's are already enjoying Free School Meals, and your child may be entitled to have them too, if you receive one of the following:

Income Support (IS)

Income based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)

An income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))

Support under PartVI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Child Tax Credit (provided that you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, assessed by HM Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190)

The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

As well as having a free hot or cold lunch every day, students who are eligible for Free School Meals enable the school to receive additional funding to spend on extra resources for your child, such as revision guides, equipment and educational trip subsidy. St. Mary's actively encourages all families entitled to Free School Meals to make a claim as the extra funding will be received and used to benefit your child regardless of whether or not they actually claim their daily lunch.

If you would like to apply for Free School Meals for your child, you can check your eligibility and apply directly to Free School Meals online, please go to www.myfreeschoolmeals.com. You will receive an immediate response regarding the success of your application, and the school will be directly notified of your child's eligibility.

If I can be of any further help please do not hesitate to contact me through info@stmarys.net.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Wilkin
Assistant Headteacher

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