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Dear Parents

The Government now provides school meals free of charge for all children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 irrespective of their parents' incomes. The scheme is known as Universal Free School Meals (UFSM).

However, children may also qualify for Free School Meals (FSM) on financial grounds and this entitles your child to free school milk which is offered to all children in school.

For every child eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) the school receives £1900. This money can be spent as the school chooses and makes a huge difference to the support, equipment and facilities that the school can provide for all our children. Meltham CE Primary School will only get this money if you apply and have your application approved.

As an incentive to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) we are offering you a **£30 voucher** to spend at Term Time Wear, our school uniform suppliers, if your application is successful. Vouchers will be distributed in January 2018. You will be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) if you receive any of the following:-

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

You can apply for Free School Meals (FSM) by phone on 01484 221928 or via the Kirklees Council website at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>. Applications should be made as soon as possible and no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

If you need any help applying, ask for Mrs Oldham at the school office. The process is completely confidential and no-one will know that your child gets Free School Meals (FSM).

Please help us to gain this additional school funding, the whole school will be very grateful.

Yours faithfully

Phil Gibbins  
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