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Dear parents

We are acutely aware of the financial difficulties the current situation might be causing to families. If you think that your child might be eligible for free school meals, we thought it would be helpful to remind you of the criteria:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right, are also entitled to Free School Meals.

If you think you might be entitled to claim for your child/children, please complete the attached application form (copy also on the schools' websites) and email to schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk. If you are not sure, or simply want some advice about this, please email our Financial Controller, Mrs Wiseman: h.wiseman@aretelearningtrust.org

Some parents are embarrassed to ask for help. I would assure you that we keep all communication in this regard confidential and that the process of logging the children receiving meals is very discreet.

Yours sincerely



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for all young people"*

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