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Dear Parent / Carer

We recognise that many of our families are worried about increasing costs and bills. We would like to help; if you think you may be eligible for free school meals and the School Essentials Grant please apply by following the links to the forms below. Or ask at school and we can help you fill in the forms.

There is a difference between eFSM (eligible for Free School Meals) and UPFSM (Universal Provision for Free School Meals).

- UPFSM is the government initiative to provide free lunches for all primary school learners.
- eFSM supports families on a low income with free lunches, school uniform and equipment costs as well as other benefits. The school also receives a grant for all learners who are eligible so if you register, you can help support children with opportunities in school too. Currently, learners who are eFSM can attend breakfast club free of charge and have subsidised school trips.
- Even though your child will receive a free lunch as part of the UPFSM, please apply for eFSM if you are eligible in order to receive the additional benefits.

To get free meals in Powys schools, the parents or carers must get one of the following:

1. Income Support
2. Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)
3. If you are an Asylum Seeker getting support under the Immigration and Asylum Act.
4. State Pension Guaranteed Credit
5. Employment and Support Allowance - income based
6. Child Tax Credit - as long as you are not getting an amount for childcare paid with your CTC, or getting Working Tax Credit. HM Revenue & Customs must also have worked out your household income as £16,190 a year or less.
7. Universal Credit - as long as your annual net earnings are £7,400 or less

You can also get free school meals if you are entitled to a Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment for four weeks after stopping work or reducing working hours to under 16 hours a week. You will need to provide proof that it is a run on payment along with proof of all your income to ensure you qualify.

[Complete the free school meals form online - Powys County Council](#)

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School Essentials Grant

This is an annual grant of £125 for an eligible learner or £200 for an eligible learner who is starting High School in September.

The grant can cover school uniform, other clothing worn at school such as sports kit, equipment for out-of-school-hours trips (including outdoor learning) and equipment for activities within the curriculum such as design and technology.

The grant is payable only to those who are currently entitled to Free School Meals.

All children in Wales receive Universal Free School Meals, to access the School Essentials Grant you must have applied for Free School meals (means tested).

[School Essentials Grant Application Form - Powys County Council](#)

Yours sincerely
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