1st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re The Additional Benefits to you of Qualifying for Free School Meals**

It has been announced recently on the news that all primary children attending a London school will receive free school meals initially for one year starting from September 2023.

If you qualify for free school meals (the criteria are listed below) it is really important that you still complete the application so that you are registered as eligible and are not just receiving them because all children will be able to receive them from September.

The reason for this is because currently Ealing send out food vouchers (to be used in supermarkets) to each family x the number of children in the family that are found to be eligible for one of the reasons listed below.

If you are eligible for Free School Meals and you do not currently claim, then please send in a claim form as the next lot of vouchers will be for Easter (and we break up in four and a half weeks).

**Criteria for you to put in a claim for Free School Meals**

* Income Support
* Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)
* Child Tax Credit with a household income of less than £16,190 (and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit)
* Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
* Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
* Assistance from the UK Border Agency
* Universal Credit

If any of these criteria apply to you then please complete the Free School Meals application which is included below and return the form to school as soon as possible. It is really important that you include your National Insurance number.

Yours sincerely

Anne Franklin

Primary Headteacher

**APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

 **Office Use Only**

***Student name:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *Form:* \_\_\_\_ d.o.b. \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Start Date\_ \_\_\_\_ M/F**

***Student name:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *Form:* \_\_\_\_ d.o.b. \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Start Date\_\_ \_\_\_ M/F**

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I agree for the Alec Reed Academy to process my application for Free School Meals, via the London Borough of Ealing, using the information provided. Please tick box □

***Details of person receiving benefit:*** Mr / Mrs / Ms (please circle)

First name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Tel number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mob)

Email :

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ N I number \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_

***Relationship to child:***  *(please circle)*

Father / Mother / Step-mother / Step-father / Grandmother / Grandfather / Sister / Brother / Aunt / Uncle / Guardian

***BENEFIT CLAIMED:*** *(relevant box(s) must be ticked)*

□ Income Support

□ Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)

□ Child Tax Credit with a household income of less than £16,190 (and not in receipt of Working Tax
 Credit)

□ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

□ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_