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Dear Parents and Carers,

Application for Free School Meals Sept 2018

I am writing to inform you about the process of applying for Free School Meals [FSM] for your child. As a Warwickshire school, applying for FSM is very straight forward and I wanted to remind parents and carers of the additional benefits this brings to the school.

Are you eligible for FSM?

The government has outlined the criteria for families who would be eligible for FSM, however you can find out quickly and easily by using our website; <https://www.thecoleshillschool.org/parents/financial-assistance> From here there is a direct link to the Warwickshire website where you can complete an online form which will tell you whether your family meets the criteria.

How do you apply for Free School Meals?

Follow the link above which will direct you to the Warwickshire website. You will need to have the following information to complete the form:

- Your name and date of birth
- Your contact details
- Your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seekers Number
- Your child's name and date of birth
- The school your child is attending

You will find out immediately whether your family is eligible.

What happens next?

There are no more actions for you to take. The school is automatically notified of any student who has been added to the county system and their account will be credited daily with funding for a meal.

What additional benefits does this bring to the school?

The benefits to you and your child are numerous. As a school, we receive extra funding, called the Pupil Premium, from the Government to support the progress of students who receive FSM, or have within the last 6 years of their education. We also receive the Pupil Premium for any children whose parents are in the Armed Forces, or who have been adopted from Care. We use this funding to:

- subsidise educational resources that your child needs for school
- subsidise curriculum trips or activities
- provide extra tuition in school time
- provide other expenses judged by the school to maximise student achievement

If you would like further help applying for Free School Meals, please contact Julie Fletcher on 01675-462435 or fletcher.j@thecoleshillschool.org

Yours sincerely

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