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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **SCHOOL MEALS IN YEAR 3**

Universal free school meals are not available when your child starts Year 3 in September. This means that unless your child is eligible for free school meals, you must pay for your child to have a school dinner. Current cost of a school meal is £1.90 per day or £9.50 for the week.

You can now pay for your child's meals using SIMS pay. For more information on the use of SIMS pay please visit <https://stmargaretsanfield.co.uk/simspay> or contact the school office.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals or if you are unsure, allow us to check on your behalf. Please complete the attached form and return it to us as soon as possible, so we can apply on line to Liverpool City Council and receive an instant decision.

**Did you know your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following?**

- Income Support.
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income related Employment Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenues and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit - household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits.

### **What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?**

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money. Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

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## How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives. Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

Yours sincerely,

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