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Dear Parents and Carers

Are you missing out on your Free School Meals entitlement? You may qualify even if you are working.

Free school meals are available to children whose parents are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- income support
- income-based job seeker's allowance
- income-related employment and support allowance
- child tax credit with an income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of working tax credit
- support under part VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999
- guarantee element of state pension credit.

Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four week "run on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

Children who receive income support or income based jobseeker's allowance in their own right are also entitled to free school meals. Sixth form students who are registered will also be eligible to apply for further bursary funding to help with the cost of their studies.

How does it work?

Registering is really quick and easy - if you think you qualify, you can:

- download an application form from www.northyorks.gov.uk/2943
- telephone the NYCC Education Offices on 01609 533405 or
- write to CYPS, Jesmond House, 31-33 Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 5QE

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

The opportunity is there for your son/daughter to be provided with a nutritionally balanced meal, giving you confidence in their well-being whilst away from home. Our catering manager, Gareth Shearer, is available to answer any specific questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sally Cocker FINANCE DIRECTOR



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