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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Free School Meals & Universal Free School Meals

Free School Meals:

Universal credit is being introduced in Stoke on Trent for people making new claims after 13th June 2018. Universal Credit makes it harder to claim free school meals. In future, no family is entitled to free school meals if they earn above £7,400 a year.

If you receive any of the benefits listed below your child may be entitled to receive a free school meal. Another reason for applying for Free School Meals is that the Government gives extra money per child receiving a Free School Meal, this is called Pupil Premium. **Please complete and return the attached form to the Academy Office ASAP, even if your child has a packed lunch from home and we will still receive the extra funding!**

- **Income Support**
- **Income based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)**
- **The guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credits, if your income is less than £16,190 a year and you do not receive Working Tax Credit as well.**
- **Working Tax Credit run on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Universal Credit if your claim began before 1st April 2018 (if you claimed after 1st April 2018 then if your income is less than £7,400)**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

Universal Free School Meals (UiFSM)

Every child is entitled to a free school meal when they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 under the Universal Free School Meals scheme (UiFSM), but they may also be entitled to a Free School Meal if you receive any of the benefits listed above, please complete the attached form to register your child for a Free School Meal.

Did you know that families in Stoke on Trent are missing out on about £50 million a year in unclaimed benefits because not everyone understands what they are entitled to. The Local MP, Gareth Snell is working closely with the Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB) and if you feel that you are not receiving all the



benefits you are entitled to you can register for a free benefits check from a CAB adviser by emailing freebenefitscheckstoke@gmail.com or call 01782 454370.

If there is anything else we can help with please call into the Academy office.

Yours sincerely

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