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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Free School Meals/School Uniform/Physical Education Uniform Allowance 2026-27

I would like to provide you with an update on the 2026/27 application process for Free School Meals and School Uniform/Physical Education Clothing Allowance. I would strongly encourage all potential applicants to apply for the support available before the end of July to ensure all is in place for the new school year in September 2026.

Current Eligible Families and New Applicants Parents/Guardians who are currently in receipt of support for the 2025/26 school year may receive a letter/email from the EA highlighting the need to apply for the 2026/27 school year and the process to do so. All parents/guardians (including new applicants) can now apply online via the EA website.

Special Diet Parents/Guardians whose child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs and requires a special diet should apply via EA Connect.

The Free Schools Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk is available to assist parents and guardians who may have any queries. The Helpdesk operates Monday – Friday from 9am to 4.30pm and can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk. The telephone number which should be used for all enquiries is 028 9041 8044. All information can be accessed via the EA website:

https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school

I would strongly advise everyone to apply early. You **MUST** reapply every year and if your child was in receipt of support last year does not mean it will roll onto next year. If you are unsure if you would meet the criteria, please apply anyway. If your child is entitled to support but does not want dinners, please apply as it is of great financial benefit to the school to help support teaching and learning moving forward.

If you have any more queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C McAteer