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Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meals and Clothing Allowances (2020/2021)

Orkney Islands Council provides assistance with free school meals and clothing allowances to families who are in receipt of certain benefits. The Scottish Government sets the eligibility criteria and for academic year 2020/21 you may be entitled to support if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an income of less than £16,105.
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income of up to £7,330.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £610.

You are also eligible if you are caring for a formally Looked After Child without the need for an income assessment.

Further information is available on our website at: <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/School-Meals-and-Clothing-Allowances.htm>

How to apply:

We are currently in the process of moving to online applications and this will be launched in early July. If you wish to be added to our contact list, please email your details to education.grants@orkney.gov.uk and we will notify you as soon as you are able to apply.

Existing Applicants:

Following the Scottish Government announcement in June, free school meal payments will continue to be paid throughout the summer holiday period. This means that your current entitlement will end on Friday, 7 August 2020. A new application must be submitted if you wish to reapply for the 2020/21 academic year which begins on 12 August 2020.

Yours sincerely

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