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Dear parents/carers

### **Free School Meals - are you missing out?**

You have probably heard in the news about the Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford's successful campaign to ensure eligible children continue to receive free school meal vouchers during the forthcoming summer holiday. For a family with 2 children this could amount to an additional £150.00 to support with food costs during the summer period and for a family of 3 it is an additional £225.00.

We wrote to all our families last month to encourage parents to apply for benefits-related free school meals, and we want to ensure that all of our families who are entitled to these vouchers are receiving them. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, please complete the form attached and return it to the school by e-mail as soon as possible: [admin@glaptonacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@glaptonacademy.co.uk).

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, but NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs<sup>1</sup>
- Support under of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 section 95
- Universal Credit (income thresholds apply)

If you would like school to assist you with completing the form, please call us and we can arrange this for you.

In addition to the benefit to families, all schools in the country receive additional funding from the government which is based on the number of children who in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Please remember that **benefits-related Free School Meals are available to all eligible children under 16, including children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** (who currently receive Universal Infants Free School Meals).

We would encourage you to apply as soon as possible. More information on eligibility and the Nottingham City application process can be found here:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/benefits-for-school-aged-children/free-school-meals-and-free-milk/>

Yours sincerely

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