



WALTON ON THE NAZE (FOUNDATION) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS DATA COLLECTION

From September 2014, children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have an automatic qualification to receive a free school meal. This change in entitlement means you will no longer be required to apply for free school meal (FSM) status for a child in those year groups. However, if you don't apply, but are in receipt of the benefits listed below, our school will miss out on additional funding of £1,300 per child. This is money we have previously used to support your child's learning in the school environment and help him/her to reach their full potential.

Our school's use of this additional funding could increase the support we are able to give to those children not making expected progress, as well as purchase new resources for the school.

In order to qualify for this additional funding, we are asking you to provide us with your name, date of birth and National Insurance Number (or asylum seeker reference) if you are already entitled to FSMs or feel that you now satisfy the criteria below but have not yet applied. This will be forwarded in the same confidential way that your application for FSMs was previously submitted to the Local Authority (LA) and enable them to make an assessment to confirm if we qualify to receive this funding. It is important to note that no other parents or pupils will know you have been assessed and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. All data received will be held in the strictest confidence and only forwarded to the LA for the purpose of assessing school funding.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

You will not normally be eligible if you receive any amount of Working Tax Credit.

Please complete and return the attached form if you feel you might qualify under the above criteria for the academic year 2014/15. Many thanks for your support, which is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bliss
Headteacher

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ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/2015



Child's Details		Parent's Details	
Name	Class	Name	Date of Birth

I hereby give my consent for personal information provided above to be held and to be shared with the Local Authority in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

I understand that this will not affect any other benefits that I am claiming and that the information will not be disclosed to other parents or staff, other than those responsible for the data handling and submission.

Signed: _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____