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Dear Parent/Carer

Please see the information below provided by the Local Authority about school meals and free school meal eligibility:

There are many things to think about on your child's behalf, and what they are going to eat when they're at school is likely to be one of them.

It is important that children are eating a healthy balanced diet as this helps improve their concentration levels, while providing essential nutrients to help with all of their growing body needs.

The Wrexham catering team have been working hard to bring your child a variety of tasty and nutritious meals. Each year the new menu is rigorously checked to ensure that the food served in all WCBC schools meets strict food and nutrition legislation set by the Welsh Government. Hundreds of catering staff attend training on nutrition and customer service and hours of work go into recipe development, not forgetting cooking enough food to feed over 6,000 children across the county on a daily basis. Think of the time you would save if your child had school meals instead of packed lunches, you could save up to 190 hours a year, which is the time needed to make packed lunches that meet the nutritional standards of school meals – that's just over a week!

What's more if you are receiving the following, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, saving you over £400 a year:

- *Income Support (IS)**
- *Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)**
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *Income-related Employment Support Allowance (IR)*
- *Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit with an annual total income below the HMRC set limit*
- *Guarantee element of State Pension Credit*
- *Universal Credit*

**Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also eligible to receive free school lunches.*

Further information can also be found on Wrexham School Meals Facebook page or at www.wrexham.gov.uk.

If you would like anymore information about Free School Meals please speak to Mr Hill in the school office or alternatively you can contact Wrexham Support Services on 01978 297413.

If you find that your child is eligible for free school meals, you may also be able to get support for school visits. Please contact myself about this.

Yours faithfully

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