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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Did you know – just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?**

The percentage of our pupils who are eligible for a free school meal has become more of an important statistic over the past two years. **For every child registered at Argoed High School, the school receives approximately £1050 (2015). This will be used to support your child with their learning.** Therefore it is essential that those pupils who are entitled to a free school meal are registered at school. To ensure your child and others do not miss out, please complete **the registration slip below.**

#### **How does it work?**

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Davies in the school office, who will help you register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that is great – your child will get a free meal and the school receives approximately £1050 to support learning.
4. If you do not want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still receives the funding.

#### **Will people know my child is on free school meals?**

This information is treated as confidential, money is added to your child's lunch account automatically.

Claiming free school meals will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

## Do I qualify?

Your child(ren) may be eligible to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- ✓ Child Tax Credit – but only those who are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190 (subject to annual review)
- ✓ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ Employment Support Allowance (income related)
- ✓ Disability Support
- ✓ The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- ✓ Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ✓ Universal Credit.

For a small number of parents in receipt of Child Tax Credit, as detailed above, you will be required to complete a free school meal application form, these are available on line at [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk) or from the school office.

If you would like any further information please contact Mrs B Davies at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Smith  
Headteacher

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### Registration for Free School Meals

I am eligible but do not wish to apply for Free School Meals

I have registered for Free School Meals on line

Please send me an application for Free School Meals, I am in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with annual income of £16,190 or less)
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Date \_\_\_\_\_