



## Aspiring to live life in all its fullness

### 'Compassion, Hope, Courage, Respect'

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### **RE: Free school meal eligibility and registration**

Dear Parent/Carer,

A healthy diet helps pupils learn and establishes healthy habits for life. The school offers healthy eating options through our free school meals, available to any family in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering not only provides your child with free healthy meals every lunchtime, but also raises an additional £1345 per pupil for the school from the government. This money is used by the school to offer pupils invaluable additional support and can help provide funding towards school trips, clubs and residential trips for those who are eligible. Currently the government are also funding food vouchers to be sent to all FSM pupils during the school holidays, at a value of £15 per week.

To check whether your child is eligible, please use this link <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>. This is totally confidential.

Thank you for your support and for helping to make sure the school receives as much funding as possible to give every pupil the support and education they deserve.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office via email [office@john-mayne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@john-mayne.kent.sch.uk) or telephone on 01580291424.

Yours sincerely,

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