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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very pleased to advise that the Mayor of London has extended the funding for Universal Free School Meals for another academic school year, between September 2024 and July 2025. This means that all children between reception and year 6 will continue to receive a healthy, nutritious meal at no cost.

The Mayor's meals are separate from the existing Free School Meals scheme, which is only available to children who are eligible for Pupil Premium because their parents or carers are receiving benefits.

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, on Income Support or any other Tax Credits listed on the Government website, then your child is likely to qualify for Pupil Premium, which gives New Valley extra government funding. It is very important that you don't delay your application for Free School Meals, even while your child is receiving a lunch under the Mayor's scheme. This is because:

- New Valley receive funding based on the number of children receiving benefits-related Free School Meals. We use this funding to improve educational provision and resources for your children. By applying now, you can help make sure that New Valley do not miss out on any of this vital funding that supports your child's education.
- Only children who are registered as receiving benefits-related Free School Meals are entitled to attend Holiday Activity Fund clubs during the school holidays which are free of charge. If you haven't applied in good time your child might miss out on a place.
- Only by being registered for benefits related free school meals will families receive supermarket vouchers for support during school holidays. These are given out in the October, February and May half terms and Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays. If your child is not registered you will not be able to receive these vouchers.
- Applying in good time will mean you can avoid any delay in getting Free School Meals when the Mayor's meals end next year.

To apply for Free School meals and to take advantage of the above benefits for your child please click on the below link:

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>



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If you are not sure whether or not you are entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals please speak to Vicki Colebrook in the School Office who will be able to support with your application.

If you are struggling with other costs you may be able to apply to the Household Support Fund. Please visit <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/hsf> for more information.

Kind regards,

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