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Dear Parents and Carers

## Apply for Free School Meals... it's quick and easy using the online form at:

https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral/

I am writing to request that you complete the attached eligibility form even if you are not currently eligible. The information you provide will be used to check whether you are or have ever been entitled to Free School Meals. It will also mean if your circumstances change -even for just one day- it will automatically identify your eligibility.

We are offering a PRIZE DRAW for any returned eligibility forms to the school office before our Christmas break on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

 $1^{st}$  Prize will be a £100 Voucher for a local supermarket  $2^{nd}$  Prize will be a "£50 Voucher for a local supermarket  $3^{rd}$  Prize will be a £20 Voucher for a local supermarket

If you are receiving certain benefits, a FREE tasty and nutritious school meal is available for your children at Somerville Federation BUT YOU MUST APPLY!

Look at the benefits:

- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- Savings for you, worth over £350 a year.

• Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth approximately £1,320 a year. This could mean more than £9,000 in extra resources for your child whilst they are at Somerville.

## Do you qualify?

Your child will be eligible 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
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
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If you don't want your child to have a free school meal they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify, and are registered, the school still gets the extra money.

## Come and talk to us if you're not sure.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr M J Forber Headteacher