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## *Growing and Learning Together through Faith, Friends and Fun*

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

**Can you help? School funding continues to be tight! Extra funds are available for free school meals. Please read on!**

On behalf of the Governing Body and the school, I am writing to you in relation to free school meals eligibility.

School funding is strongly linked to the number of children who take up the option of free school meals. This year, the school will receive £1150 for each child that is **eligible** for free school meals, even if they do not wish to exercise their right. All you have to do, is complete the attached form.

Last year, Ysgol y Llan received £3,150 in comparison to the £4,590 in the previous year. Many of you listened to us last year and we will therefore receive £5750 this year. We urge you to do the same again this year as the additional money can have a huge impact on the education of your child(ren). **You may be able to help!**

If you are entitled to free school meals, but do not currently apply, not only are you missing out on the opportunity of some additional support, including an additional grant for school uniform, but the school is also missing out on valuable funding. Please read the criteria below and if you feel you may be eligible, please fill in the attached form and return it to the Remissions Officer, Directorate of Lifelong learning, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6ND. You can also apply online if you wish. Below are the links to the 'Education Benefits' page and the online application form.

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Education-Benefits.aspx>

[https://secure.flintshire.gov.uk/Benefits/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20\(1.0\).wdf](https://secure.flintshire.gov.uk/Benefits/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20(1.0).wdf)

All free school meals data is now computerised; children and staff are unaware of who is or is not on free school meals and therefore confidentiality would be kept. Even if you are entitled, but wish for your child to continue having sandwiches, please fill in the form anyway. You would be amazed how much a small change in percentage to our free school meals claims has to the school budget.

**Who qualifies for free school meals?** Any pupil whose parents receive:

Income Support

Income based job seekers allowance

Income related element of employment and support allowance

Guarantee credit element of pension credit

Child tax credit (without working tax credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

The school would really appreciate your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Griffiths