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**Your ref:**  
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**Date:** 19 August 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals – Session 2019/20**

I am writing to you as the parent/carer of a pupil who receives free school meals from South Lanarkshire Council. The Scottish Government has offered additional funding to schools to support young people to achieve to the best of their ability. As a school, we have reflected on how we can best help learners and have examined some of the additional costs which arise from delivering our curriculum and offering unique learning experiences in different contexts for all pupils. We are committed to ensuring all pupils get the same opportunities and that finances are never a barrier to a young person's learning – whether in the classroom or outwith.

We have decided that the school will cover all incidental expenses that may arise for pupils in receipt of free school meals. This will include payments for Home Economics cookery lessons or towards Technical resources and any other costs which departments indicate are required for a pupil to be successful. If a child requires revision materials for assessment, the school have a supply of past papers or guides which can be provided free of charge.

Where a young person would like to attend a school excursion or trip, the school will strive to offer these at a discounted rate, dependant on the funding available. If you are interested in accessing this, simply contact the member of staff who is arranging the trip, and they will coordinate and confirm the support available.

This is an arrangement between parents and the school and therefore pupils do not need to be informed. I appreciate that some parents may not wish to access this support – if not, you will be able to make payments via the Parent Pay system as normal.

If you wish to discuss the content of this letter, please telephone me on the number above. If at any time you would like to discuss other supports that might be available, please contact your child's Pupil Support teacher who will be able to support you with this.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Barbara Lee**  
**Depute Head Teacher,**  
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