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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to tell you about changes to Scottish Government rules on who will get free school meals.

Children in primary six (P6) and seven (P7) who have a parent/carers that receives the Scottish Child Payment will now be eligible for free school meals.

This change will **not** entitle pupils to free breakfasts or the school holiday payment, **it will only apply to school lunches.**

The online application form will open on **17 February 2025**. If your child is in P6 or P7, does **not** currently receive free school meals, and you **already** get the Scottish Child Payment, you can apply at glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning.

To allow you to apply for free school meals, you need to have a MyAccount set up first. If you have not registered, you can do it at signin.mygovscot.org/home/.

New applications will be processed within four weeks of the team receiving completed forms.

The Scottish Child Payment is paid by Social Security Scotland to help support families. The weekly payment of £26.70 is available for eligible children up to the age of 16.

You might be entitled to the Scottish Child Payment if all of the following apply:

- You receive a low-income benefit such as Universal Credit, Tax Credits, or Pension Credit
- You have responsibility for a child or children under the age of 16
- You live in Scotland

If you don't currently receive the Scottish Child Payment but think you might be eligible, please apply here mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment/how-to-apply.

For more information and help with your application, please visit glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning.

Yours sincerely

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