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Dear Parent/Carer,

Clothing Grant, Free School Meals & Milk 2020/21

The application process for Clothing Grants and Free School Meals & Milk is now open for 2020/21.

A Clothing Grant is a grant awarded to children from families on a low income to help towards the cost of clothing and footwear. The Clothing Grant award for 2020/21 will be £100 per eligible pupil.

A Free School Meal is a school lunch provided free of charge by Shetland Islands Council to children from families on a low income. All pupils in Primary 1 to Primary 3 are automatically entitled to free school meals. However, these pupils should still be included on any application forms if you wish to apply for a Clothing Grant and/or Free School Milk.

Children attending Early Learning and Childcare settings over lunchtime may be eligible to apply Free School Meals, if the setting has moved over to the extended sessions through the early years expansion.

Further information and to apply online, please visit our website at
www.shetland.gov.uk/education/ClothingGrants.asp.

Parents with children attending school who are over the statutory school leaving age of 16 can apply for an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), further information will be available online at
<http://www.shetland.gov.uk/education/EMA.asp>.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01595 743848.

Yours sincerely

Dawn Ratter

Dawn Ratter
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Is my child entitled to a Clothing Grant and/or Free School Meals/Milk?

<p>Free School Meals are linked to the level of income/benefits a family receives and will be provided if a family is in the receipt of:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income Support 	<p>Pupils are eligible for Free School Meals in their own right if they are aged 16-18 and fall into this category</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income based Job Seeker's Allowance 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Tax Credit, but not working Tax Credit, with an income of less than £16,105 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Tax Credit & Working Tax Credit, with an income less than £7,330 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal Credit – take home pay less than £610 per month 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/Carers receive help under Part VI of Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In care of the Local Authority 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incapacity Benefit – ELC children only 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe Disablement Allowance – ELC children only 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Pension Credit – ELC children only 	

If you do not fall into any of the above criteria but feel you would benefit from Free School Meals due to exceptional circumstances or because you are facing hardship, please call us on 01595 743848 to discuss.

<p>Clothing Grants are also linked to the level of income/benefit a family receives and will be provided if a family is in receipt of any of the above benefits, or:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit with an income greater than £7,330 but less than £16,105.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction.

It is your right to make an application if you meet any of the criteria.