

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Schools Essentials Grant - Academic Year 23/24**

Flintshire County Council are trying to improve the process for claiming a Schools Essentials Grant (formerly known as the Uniform Grant). They are hoping to reduce the need for form filling, and speed up the process of issuing the payments, therefore enabling the majority of parents and guardians to receive the payment before the end of July.

These payments will be issued in respect of children where the parent or guardian is able to answer YES to ALL of following questions;

- Are your children in receipt of eFSM?
- Are your children in Year 1 or above?
- Have you been receiving payments in lieu of eFSM during the school holidays?
- Did you receive a School Essentials Grant (formerly known as Uniform Grant) between 1st July 2022 and 30th June 2023?

If you answer YES to ALL of the questions above, then you do not need to apply for a School Essential Grant this year, as the payments will be issued automatically by 30th July 2023. If you have not received the payment by 30th July 2023, please email [freeschoolmeals@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@flintshire.gov.uk) to advise the payment has not been received.

If your child is entering reception, is moving from a school outside of Flintshire, or your circumstances have changed meaning you are now eligible for Free School Meals and a School Essential Grant, you will need to complete an application. This form can be found on Flintshire's website by searching for 'Free School Meals' or by typing in the short URL [www.flintshire.gov.uk/FSM](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/FSM).

Yours sincerely



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