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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that the window for the School Essentials Grant opened on 1 July 2024 and to help all eligible families apply.

The Schools Essential Grant is designed to help families with the cost of the school day including school uniform. At Maesteg School, we are ensuring that the cost of the school uniform remains as low as possible with the removal of the school logo and the ability to buy school uniform from high street stores or our uniform providers in Maesteg town centre.

From September 2024 primary schools in Wales will offer a free school meal to children. It is therefore vital that you register your eligibility for free school meals with BCBC as this unlocks access to the Schools Essential Grant. As primary schools will now offer free school meals, many parents will not realise the need for registering for free school meals.

The Cabinet secretary for Education, Lynne Neagle AS/MS has asked all schools to share this link: <https://www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs>. Even if you do not need the grant, registering for free school meals ensures schools receive more funding, to help develop the school experience for the pupils of the Llynfi Valley.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school, using admin@maestegschool.bridgend.cymru should you have further questions regarding registering your eligibility for free school meals.

Kind regards

Mrs Tania Hill, Assistant Headteacher Maesteg School.