

5th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DINNER FUNDING

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

I am just writing to remind you that all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free lunch every day. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to have a cooked lunch during the day with their friends. We now have a good number of children who enjoy our lunches.

As you know we receive Government funding for this and this is calculated on several 'Census Days' during the year, the next one is this Thursday 7th October. We would therefore like to encourage children to have a lunch on this day, which will help boost our funding. There is a special menu – fish and chips or the children could also choose tomato pasta or jacket potato.

We still need to be aware of those children who are entitled to free school meals based on the criteria below – before Wednesday 6th October.

Free School Meal (FSM) entitlement

We receive school funding which is based on the number of children that are registered for free school meals. This funding is called Pupil Premium, we use this in many ways in school e.g. reading recovery, booster classes, additional resources, further details of which can be found on our website. If you are entitled to get Free School Meals you are also eligible for vouchers if schools suffer any future closures. To give you an idea of the importance of this funding, based on last year's numbers we received £73,975 this means we need to keep our numbers up so we don't lose any of our funding.

If you think you may be entitled to register for Free School Meals either come into the school office and speak to Mrs Jenner or Mrs Vaughan in confidence or simply click on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Entitlement is based on the following criteria:-

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Thank you for your support in this matter and please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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