

CHANTRY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 on 5th October 2017. We would therefore like to encourage children to have a lunch on this day. There is a special menu which is being sent out, the children could also choose a baguette or jacket potato.

We still need to be aware of those children who are entitled to free school meals based on the criteria below.

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. To give you an idea of the importance of this funding last year we received £69,602.

If you think you may be entitled to register for Free School Meals please come into the school office and speak to Mrs Roadway or Mrs Vaughan in confidence. The process is very simple and only involves filling out one form.

Entitlement is based on the following criteria:-

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Employment & Support Allowance (income related)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, but who are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Families in receipt of Working Tax Credit will not be entitled to receive free school meals
- Universal Credit

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Becky Reed Headteacher