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Dear Parents / Carers

**School lunches – Thursday 7th October**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be given a hot school meal free of charge under the governments Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme (UIFSM). We will also order a meal for all children, who are entitled to a Free School Meal due to their family's financial circumstances

Please see the menu attached.

Thursday 7th October is Census Day when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area. This includes pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, those entitled to Pupil Premium funding or Free School Meals and attendance information.

A significant part of the Government funding allocated to our school will be based on the number of children **eating** the free meal on census day rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 7th October.

If you are concerned that your child will not eat a hot meal, please do send in a healthy lunchbox as an alternative but we would ask that you encourage your child to try the hot meal.

If you think you may be entitled to a Free School Meal due to your financial circumstances, please contact the school office with your NI National Insurance number and they will be able to check your eligibility. Please see [criteria here](#) for further information. Please do apply for this even if your child(ren) are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as entitlement to Free School Meals (under Financial criteria) attracts additional funding to support your child in school.

We hope your child enjoys their meal this Thursday.

Yours sincerely,



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