



2nd October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT SCHOOL FUNDING

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

As you will be aware, 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 these meals and the amount of funding we received is calculated on several 'Census Days' during the year, the next one is this Thursday 5th October. The funding is based on how many children have a school meal on this day. We would therefore like to encourage every child to have a lunch on Thursday 5th October, this will really help boost our funding. There is a special menu on this day– fish fingers or Quorn Dippers and chips or a jacket potato.

Please note the funding for this is separate to the funding we receive if your child is entitled to Free School Meals. This is based on the criteria below and brings us additional funding, please read the below information and contact us before Wednesday 4th October if you think you may be entitled.

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. additional adults in classrooms, booster classes, assistance with trips and uniform and additional resources. Further details on how we spend our Pupil Premium 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 £94,575 this means we need to keep our numbers up so we don't lose any of this very valuable funding.

If you think you may be entitled to register for Free School Meals either come into the school office and speak to 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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