



23rd September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS and FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

You will be aware that the government currently provide a free school lunch for all children up to the age of seven years old. This includes all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. There is no statutory requirement for schools to provide children with a hot meal and the lack of space and facilities here means that we can only offer the children a free healthy packed lunch.

Take up of these meals is not mandatory and you are free to opt out of the scheme if you wish, providing your child with a packed lunch from home. If you choose to opt out then your child will bring a lunch box to school at the start of the day in the usual way. If your child takes up the offer of a free school meal then they will NOT need to bring a lunch box to school. A three week sample menu is attached for your consideration.

Please indicate on the form attached whether you wish your child to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal from 31st October 2016 and return to your child's class teacher by **FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER**.

Please return the form with a YES or NO so that we can be sure that we have not missed any child out. Please indicate also if your child has any specific dietary requirements or allergies that need to be taken into account. Thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

The provision of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) has caused a lot of confusion regarding a child's entitlement to a Free School Meal based on the level of income and benefit received by the family (FSM).

If you think your child would be eligible for a Free School Meal (FSM) based on welfare benefits then it is really important that you apply as your child would also be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding. **This is funding which comes into school to support children who are entitled to FSM and pays for school trips, residentials, extra-curricular activities, breakfast clubs and a range of other activities.** It also entitles your child to free milk from the Cool Milk scheme.

We enclose information regarding the entitlement of families to FSM with instructions on how to apply. If you would like more information then please feel free to have a chat with someone in the school office. **It is vital for you, your child and for the school that you apply if you are eligible.**

Yours faithfully

G Arnold (Mrs)
Deputy Headteacher



PLEASE RETURN TO MRS ARNOLD
UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS
RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

I *would / would not like my child in Class
To receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal – healthy packed lunch – from 31st October 2016.

***please delete as applicable**

My child has specific dietary requirements, based on medical needs or religious grounds.

YES/NO*

***please delete as applicable**

IF YES – please give details here:

I believe I may be eligible for Free School Meals and I will apply.

YES/NO*

***please delete as applicable**

Signed Parent/Carer Date

Print name

FREE SCHOOL MEALS THREE WEEK MENU

WEEK ONE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HAM WRAP	CHICKEN SANDWICH	CHEESE ROLL	SAUSAGE & TOMATO SAUCE ROLL	PIZZA SLICES
CHERRY TOMATOES	CUCUMBER	CARROT STICKS	CHERRY TOMATOES	CARROT STICKS
FRUBE	FRUIT SPONGE	JELLY POT	SHORTBREAD	FRUBE
APPLE	GRAPES	PEAR	MELON	BANANA
WATER	FLAVOURED MILK	ORANGE JUICE	FLAVOURED MILK	APPLE JUICE

WEEK TWO

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHEESE SANDWICH	PIZZA SLICES	SAUSAGE & TOMATO SAUCE ROLL	HAM WRAP	EGG MAYO ROLL
CHERRY TOMATOES	CARROT STICKS	CHERRY TOMATOES	CARROT STICKS	CUCUMBER
FRUBE	FROMAGE FRAIS	MUFFIN	FRUBE	CRISPY CAKE
SATSUMA	BANANA	FRESH PINEAPPLE	APPLE	GRAPES
WATER	ORANGE JUICE	FLAVOURED MILK	APPLE JUICE	FLAVOURED MILK

WEEK THREE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PIZZA SLICES	TUNA SWEETCORN MAYO SANDWICH	CHEESE SANDWICH	HAM ROLL	SAUSAGE & TOMATO SAUCE ROLL
CUCUMBER	TOMATOES	CARROT STICKS	CUCUMBER	CARROT STICKS
FRUBE	MUFFIN	JELLY POT	FRUBE	FLAPJACK
SATSUMA	MELON	BANANA	PEAR	APPLE
WATER	FLAVOURED MILK	ORANGE JUICE	WATER	FLAVOURED MILK