



October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Census Day and UIFSM – Thursday 1st October 2020

On Thursday 1st October 2020, it is National School Census Day and in an effort to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day, Caterlink have swapped Thursday and Friday's menus. The Menu for Thursday will be:

Thursday 1st October (this was Friday 2nd October's lunch)

Fish Fingers, Chips and Tomato Sauce or Vegetable Sausage with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Served with Baked Beans/Peas

And

Tutti Fruity Yogurt

Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every School in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, number of pupils with Special Educational Needs, Pupil Premium funding and access to Free School Meals, attendance information etc. One thing in particular they are looking for this term is the number of pupils taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide Schools with appropriate funding for this service, such as utility costs.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 1st October 2020, rather than bring in a packed lunch on that day. It is the amount of pupils in Key Stage One **eating** the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are pupils that normally take UIFSMs but who are absent on 1st October.

Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday, this will record those pupils as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count toward the total Government funding that will be allocated to our School for UIFSM for a whole year.

Hopefully it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the pupils that don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher

