

Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Children

The Government provides an offer to parents called **Universal Infant FREE School Meals**. This is an offer to **all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** classes across the country. These children will be given a FREE school lunch every day whilst they are in these year groups.

This is **NOT** the same as the 'traditional' free school meal linked to state benefit eligibility and to Pupil Premium funding to schools.

We anticipate that all parents will take up this offer. Therefore there is **no requirement to fill in any forms or requests**. You would only need to inform us in the unlikely event that you did **not** wish your child to have a free lunch.

Our school lunches are freshly prepared from quality ingredients. We do not serve halal meat, but offer vegetarian alternatives. Meals are prepared and served in accordance with strict vegetarian requirements (no contamination or proximity to meat etc). Our Catering Manager, Kitchen and Welfare staff are all aware of individual dietary requests and preferences. In fact, all our vegetarian meals are prepared on different coloured plates so that children and staff alike can clearly see that the appropriate meal has been served.