



10 January 2019

School Census Day – Thursday 17 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next Thursday, 17 January 2019, is a National School Census Day. This is when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we have to report is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UFSM) on this day.

The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we get for our meals. **This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year.** If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget.

We do not receive funding for the amount of meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October and January each year.

Our solution to this problem is to ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school meal on Census Day. Your child will then be fully funded to have school meals during the year, thus saving the school any additional costs.

We are pleased to advise we have a themed 'Build A Burger' menu on Census Day, which should be booked as normal via your ParentPay account.

In addition to the themed menu we are also offering an option of a jacket potato, tuna sandwich or cheese sandwich as an alternative.

We very much hope that you will encourage your child to have a school lunch on this day. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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