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Dear Parents/Carers,

Universal Free School Meals – Thursday, 2nd October

On Thursday, 2nd October, our school will be conducting the bi-annual school census, a legal requirement by the Department for Education. The data collected on this day, including the number of pupils receiving Universal Free School Meals, significantly impacts the funding we receive from the Government for school meals.

As you may be aware, many schools, including ours, are facing financial challenges. Securing the maximum funding is vital in helping maintain our catering services. For each child that receives a school meal on census day, the school is allocated nearly £480 for the year to support our meal program.

To help us secure this essential funding, we kindly ask that all infant children take advantage of a free school meal on Thursday, 2nd October. If your child is hesitant about trying a school meal, you're welcome to send them with a packed lunch as a backup, which they can eat if they prefer it.

Census Dinner Menu	
	<p>Main Meal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish fingers (G)(F), or Veg fingers(G)(VG) • Chips (VG) • Peas and sweetcorn (VG) • Ketchup (VG) or Tartare sauce (V)(E)(MU) <p>Dessert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles (G)(E)(M)(SoyB)(V) or • Jelly (VG) or • Fresh Fruit <p>Drinks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk or Water <p>Cold options and Jacket Potato will also be available on this day. See menu for options.</p>

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Sarah Clements
Headteacher